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CHAPTER 90

RETRAIN

In the half way point between Gihon and Chigris, I led the 500 men of the Siracuza army, and fought the 1000 men barbarian army.

- Since both of the terrains were mountains, the battlefield is narrow.
- Because of that, the two armies had clashed with the same numbers head on.
- Even so, we were losing.
- I'm swinging the two Demon Swords in the center, but the two sides show the gaps between the strength of the soldiers, and we are being pushed back.
- I'm pulling back slowly while cutting enemy soldiers, but the soldiers around me are withdrawing in a faster pace.
- Taking advantage of that, the enemies although slowly, they started to surround me.

[There's no end]

[Otou-san, they surrounded you even from behind]

"It's alright"

By myself, I pulled the enemies to me.

I swung the Demon Swords without holding back, and the blood soaks the battlefield.

"Damn it! Kill him, he's alone, he's just alone, he's just alone!!"



The enemy general from a little far away became noisy.

He's sending out commands from a distance barely out of my attacking range.

The order's he's sending since earlier is convincing enough, so he's just probably that kind of general.

With his orders, the enemy soldiers started to push stronger.

It looks like even the soldiers who were standing by from behind was sent out.

"It should be now.....Tanya"

I swung Eleanor, and summoned the ghost maid.

[Yes desu!]

"Send the message to Nana, the rat has fallen to take the bait"

[I go~t it~!]

The ghost Tanya flew away quickly.

She flew above the enemy soldiers.

And for a while, I continued to cut soldiers.

"Kostamas-sama! Enemy attack, enemy attack from behind!"

"What!! Who are they"

"There's a woman clad in white armor in the spear head, all of the others are women as well!"

"Damn it, it's Nana Kanou"

The enemy general Kostamas spat out resentfully.

"There should be soldiers behind, let them take care of it"

"That.....the spear soldiers and sword soldiers had advanced, and there are only bowmen behind..... On top of that, because of the narrow terrain, the replacement of

units is not smooth——"
"What....."

Kostamas glared at me.

"You tricked me, Demon Sword Wielder!"

Well, that's right.

The barbarian army was pushed in the middle of a narrow space, most of them were killed, and only a part of them was allowed to surrender.

In the town of Chigris in the government building, I'm facing Theo.

"We won again, this is all thanks to Your Excellency"

"How's your casualties"

"20%, including those who had heavy injuries. Well, the percentage is high, but if we use those who surrendered or became prisoners, we had increased our strength instead"

"I see, it's good then"

"Next will be Pishon. They do not have as many soldiers as in Gihon and Chigris, so there must be no damages just like now. Well, it should be an easy win"

Theo said proudly.

Yes, yes, a flag it is then, should I just make you charge in the front line just to collect it.

[How about doing it for real? It would be easier to fight from now on if you do so]

I couldn't help but get tempted by Eleanor's suggestion.

"We will hurry to reorganize them. As soon as that ends, we will march. Well then"

Theo left.

And Nana entered.

"Good work, give me your report"

"Ha! As usual, we used the magic balls to heal those who are heavily injured and above, and let the lightly injured rest"

"Un"

"Also, there are some other things.....the first platoon had used all of their magic balls in this battle"

"They used all of it? Was there someone strong?"

I usually just listen to the report just for the sake of doing it, but I got interested because it was about the first platoon.

It's my woman, Nikki's platoon that I took care as a whole a while ago.

"No, the enemy pressure was just the same. It looks like the entire platoon has been impatient to get battle results, they stuck out and got defeated instead"

""

I knew myself that I had a frowning face.

Nana doesn't sugar coat her words, especially if it's with my orders.

So if Nana said that they had been impatient to get results, it should be exactly as she says.

"There might be similar cases from now on"

"Do something about it——no, I'll do it personally"

"Understood. The other nine platoons has no problems, their losses and battle results are just as usual" "I got it" & Ø ×5 I came to the first platoon's tent. "It's me, I'm going in" I said, and entered. Nikka and the others, these women whose faces I remember were completely alright. It's good if it's usual, but it isn't right now. My order was to use the magic balls on the heavily injured without holding back, and leave the light injuries to natural recovery. They're completely alright means, they were either completely uninjured or heavily injured. And the first platoon had used all of their magic balls. "Sir, thank you for your hard work, sir" When Nikki saluted, the other slave soldiers saluted with their voice in synchrony. "I'll just sit here" I declared, and sat in the middle of the tent. "I heard about it from Nana" When I said that, all of them including Nikki flinched. [It looks like they have a lot of ideas]

Yeah.

"You used all of the magic balls, well, that doesn't matter. It's something that I gave you, so even if you used all of it, I'd just give you some more"

While I'm speaking, the women gradually look down.

"Come to think of it, only you guys were different from the time in Gihon. I didn't mind it at that time because the difference was insignificant, but it just shows that there was something wrong ever since huh"

I stopped there, and stared at Nikki.

"What do you think?"

""

Nikki bit her lower lip, and had difficulties to say anything.

I looked to the side, and looked at a different woman.

She is.....she's the woman who asked me to do it while whispering her name.

"Themis"

She flinched having her name called out.

She had a face that looked both happy and afraid.

"What do you think?"

"I-It is exactly as sir says"

"Why?"

"W-We.....we wanted to be of Kakeru-sama's help"

"You wanted to?"

"We are slave soldiers, to be able to help Kakeru-sama, we must show results in the battlefields"

".....you mean, it went very well in Gihon and the damages you had was small, but this time you failed, and had huge casualties"

Themis nodded.

I looked around, the girls who I had met my eyes with timidly nodded.

"I see, I got the story. If so——"

The girls flinched again.

I haven't said anything yet, but this is also an interrogation, or something like a trial.

They couldn't be blamed to be afraid of their sentence.

However, I said this without showing care.

"I'll train all of you for a while"

"Eh?"

Someone let out her voice, all of them were dumbfounded.

"I'll train you. I'll make you strong enough that you'd find it hard to get injured even if you became rash"

[Oi oi, what the heck is that. Isn't there a better punishment like \begin{center} \beg

I flicked Eleanor.

"There's no meaning on doing that right. They're just women who want to work for my sake better, if so, there's no meaning if I don't give them strength so they could do it right"

[What the heck's with that logic]

"Is something weird?" I don't think that there is something weird about it though. Eleanor didn't say anything anymore. She became silent, leaving just an emotion similar to sighing. For the meantime, I left her just like that, and looked at the girls once again. "That's decided, you got it" Leaving a second of pause, Nikki then stood up quickly. A moment later, the other 19 of them also stood up. "Nikki Cephalis and 19 others. Sir we are going to get stronger sir!" "Sir we are going to get stronger sir!", they said. "Ahh" When I nodded to them, the girls' expression changed. "We'll get stronger, and survive until the end" "We will survive till the end", all of them said in a feminine tone. "Good girl"

I pulled Nikki into my chest, and kissed her.

The other girls had envious looks.

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CHAPTER 91

MUSOU DECLARATION

The army of the Comotoria that launched their counterattack had won consecutive victories.

It looks like we were just treated as a "remnant army", that's why they would just send subjugation armies that doesn't have enough numbers or proficiency, or would just take care of us with the guys they had in the area when we attacked.

Thanks to that, we easily won the battles.

And every time, the soldiers were taken to our lines, and when we had noticed it, the Comotoria army has already more than 5000 men, and my 200 slave soldiers are now treated just as a unit.



Comotoria army at night. In the base camp.

At the corner of the camp, my magic cottage and the slave soldiers' tents are standing. I'm inside the magic cottage.

In the living room's corner, Hikari and Chibi Dragon is playing.

Nana returned to her tent saying it would set a bad example by staying here, and Io is also in their tent because she felt bad for Agnes and Julia.

Only our family is inside the cottage.

Me, Eleanor, and Hikari.

It doesn't look like that physically, but it's a moving scene of a family of three bonding with each other.

When I'm relaxing like that, I heard noises of people drinking from far away.

[They're getting intoxicated]

"I guess so"

[Kukuku, these guys, they already think they had won]

"That also raises the morale, so it should be a good thing"

[Would you like to play tricks on them a bit?]

"What kind of tricks?"

[There's a simple one and a complicated one]

"What's the simple one?"

[You just leave now. With just that, all of this will end. They have 5000 in numbers, but I don't think that they could do anything without you. If you leave, they will become a mere rabble nominally and virtually]

Then, it will end in an instant huh.

"What about the complicated one?"

[You will become the third force. Cut off all of those that would pull your feet back, and take your slave soldiers with you, participating in the battlefields here and there] "What will happen then?"

[Who knows. That's why it's complicated. But, I can say one thing]

"What is it?"

[It will be fun]

I heard a proud voice inside my head.

I flicked that Eleanor with a finger.

"You say it's fun, isn't it only you who'd enjoy it"

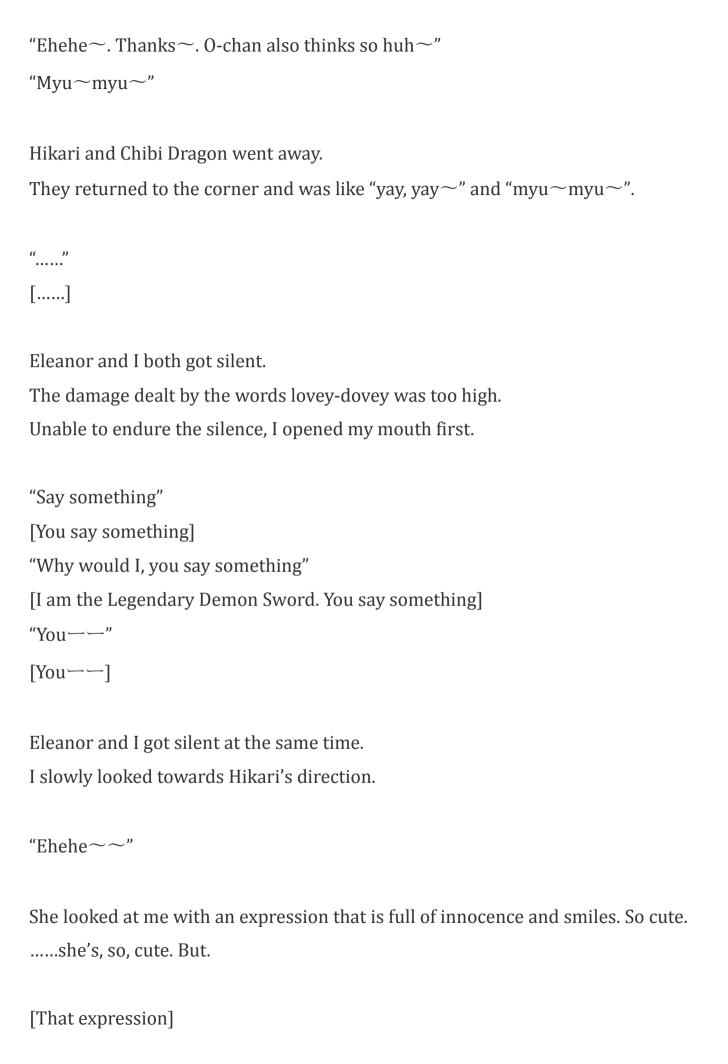
[I'm happy as long as I'm with you]

"Don't say random thing"

I flicked her again.

A clear sound echoed because I flicked the handle of the Demon Sword.

"Okaa-san, what are you having fun of?" Hikari came while hugging Chibi Dragon. [This guy's life] "Don't make fun of someone's life, just enjoy yours" [Kukuku, did you forget? I am a Demon Sword that possesses people you know? Playing with people's life is my original form] "It's annoying but I'm convinced now" Hearing our conversation, Hikari let out an innocent laugh. "Ehehe~" It's cute.....but what is it? [What is it Hikari?] "Un, you know, Otou-san and Okaa-san~, they're soo lovey-dovey~" "Haa?" [What are you saying?!] "Hikari knows, Otou-san and Okaa-san's conversation right now, it's called a "lover's quarrel" right~" "" [.....] Both Eleanor and I lost our words at the same time. Lover's quarrel.....lovey-dovey. To think that it could be interpreted like that. "Myu~"



Eleanor said as if to whisper. "Yeah, that's an expression saying, "see, they're lovey-dovey"" [.....] u n [Let's, go outside] "Ahh" Eleanor and I went outside Hikari sent us off with all smiles. The night breeze was cool, and it feels good. "Haa.....really, I didn't think that Hikari would say something like that" [I know right] The two of us got silent again, and let out a sight at the same time. [W-Well, it's that] "n?" [M-More or less, you're Hikari's father. So.....o-only if it's in front of Hikari] Eleanor said bashfully. [I-I can do that lovey-dovey thing if you really insist] [D-Don't get me wrong. I-I'll only do it when we're in front of Hikari. I'm just saying that, if it's for my daughter, I could act as good parents with you]

I was both speechless and wanted to roll my eyes.

That, how she said it.....no matter how I think of it.

Isn't that the legendary——tsundere.

.....this girl.

[W-Why did you got silent. Hey, say something]

"Ahh, no, my bad, I was just thinking"

[Thinking?]

"Yup, that's right, we should be parents that get along with each other in front of Hikari huh. For Hikari, right"

[U-Umu. It's fine as long as you get it]

".....hey, Eleanor"

[What?]

"Let's find a way, to make you turn into your human form even on this side. A way to make you a human other than going to the lottery place"

[What are you saying so suddenly]

"No, it's just, I just thought of it....."



The conversation stopped again.

After a while, Eleanor replied.

[I do not really mind, even without something like that]

"Really?"

I got surprised.

It's not because she said that she doesn't want it.

It's because Eleanor's tone when she said that she doesn't need it was too normal, that I would really think that she doesn't want it.

[Did you not said it before? I am the only one that would not get destroyed with all that you have]

"Yeah"

[That is the same with me. In this long, long life that I had.....it is the first time that a human could control my powers that much. The strength more than the heroes and conquerors up until now]

""

[Aside from about Hikari, I'll confess this. Being wielded by you with full force is pleasant, no, it could even be described as ecstasy. I think that is the reason why Hikari was born]

I'm not that dense that I could not understand what she is saying.

Rather, it's because of that that I wanted her to feel it with a human body.

Knowing all of that, Eleanor said that she didn't need it.

"Is that so"

[Umu, that is so]

.....I see.

"I got it, I won't talk about this anymore"

[Umu]

"From now on, I will use you with all that I have. I will use you so much that you would forget all of the memories of those that used you before me"

[There are those of the dragon race and demon race that used me though]

"I'll make you forget all of them, I will overwrite all of those memories with just me" [I see]

I somewhat felt that Eleanor made a pleasant smile.

[I'll look forward to it]

"That's right, you should look forward to it"

[I will]

Somehow, I feel that right now, my connection with her is incomparable to what we had up until now.

I sat down together with Eleanor that I could understand me the way that I could with her.

Feeling the night breeze, I looked up to the sky.

I feel good.

The night deepened. The drunkards that were noisy gradually disappeared.

Most of them probably got drunk into a stupor——I thought, but.

[Oi]

The tone of Eleanor's voice, it changed into a low one.

"Yeah, you noticed too huh"

[This isn't good.....this isn't on the level of a thousand or two]

"On top of that, they're coming from three directions—we're probably surrounded"

My hearing that is multiplied 777 times, and Eleanor's senses as a Demon Sword.

The two of us found them almost at the same time.

——surprise attack.

An army looming towards our base camp.

They are not our ally. From how it sounds, they're clearly full of killing intent.

[What will you do]

"A surprise attack towards five thousand soldiers in a drunk stupor, they really got us this time"

[What do you think, are you going to warp away with all of the 5000 soldiers?]

"That's impossible, they're probably so drunk that they're barely able to move. We will not make it since they need to be gathered and divided in batches"

The situation progressed while Eleanor and I were speaking.

Although it's too late, I could hear gongs being pounded, and shouts saying "Enemy attack!" from here and there.

"Aruji!"

"Kakeru-san!"

Nana and Io came.

The two of them both had stiff faces.

"Nana, lead the slave soldiers to a retreat. Go to the town search for Fiona and Marie, take them to a safe place"

"Understood"

"What should I do?"

"Io should hide somewhere and start chanting. Shoot after you get my signal"



CHAPTER 92

Hands Down

In the corner of the camp, on the south side, there was extreme confusion.

One of the soldiers returned, and reported to the male captain.

"Captain!"

"How was it!"

"The enemy soldiers are just below our eyes!"

"Ridiculous! What happened to the Customas Troops that was in front of us!"

"The Customas Troops is almost wiped out! The enemy is coming soon!"

"What's the orders from the headquarters!"

"There is none! The one that went to ask for orders has not returned!"

"Ridiculous......"

Another man shouted at the male captain.

"Oi, what are we gonna do!"

"What the heck is happening, I came here because you bastards said it's a winning war"

"That's right, that's right. How will you repay us for this"

The report that the soldier brought back accelerated the confusion.

Letting out a sigh was almost unbearable.

Seeing all of that, I approached the male captain.

"Oi"
"What is it now! Y-You are——"

The captain saw me and hold his breath.

He probably knows my face.

"We're going to counterattack, follow me"

"But, w-we're already surrounded——"

Not letting him say it all, I held Eleanor and Hikari.

I clad myself with the dark aura just as usual.

Ever since I was able to control it, I gradually changed its shape.

Right now, it should look like an armor of aura, or a cloak.

The soldiers clamors. I ignored them and start walking.

"I'll stand in front, just follow me"

"I-I got it"

The male captain nodded, organized the soldiers, and followed me.

The enemy soldiers attacked first.

They're the guys whose morale is very high, full of momentum.

"Let's go"

[Umu]

[Un!]

The mother and daughter, Eleanor and Hikari replied.

The spear weapons were broken, and I sliced them off together with their armor.

I slashed through the enemy soldiers one next to the other, and a drizzle of blood danced in my surroundings.

"U00000!!! Follow the Demon Sword Wielder!!!!!!"

The allies' morale which was in a mourning mood was raised.

The troops that attacked was more or less a hundred people. And they were quickly trampled.

"We're saved, thank you so much"

The captain said, from how it seems, he looks very full of himself.

"I'll leave this place to you"

"What about you?"

"I'm going to the next place"

Without waiting for his reply, I warped to the west side using the Warp Feather.

It was in the middle of the battle there.

The enemy soldiers were pushing, and more than half of our soldiers had already been killed.

"U00000!!!"

An enemy soldier stabbed with his spear.

I parried the spear and cut off his head.

And then, the surrounding soldiers gathered like ants.

I cut the soldiers that came.

I cut, slashed, and sliced them into two continuously.

"W-Who the hell is this guy"

"Is he a monster"

The enemy soldiers got agitated.

And there, the ally soldiers attacked.

They were being pushed, but while I was pulling the enemy soldiers, they reorganized and pushed back the enemy lines.

I found the male captain that seemed to be the commander.

"I'll leave this place to you. I'll go to the next place"

"I got——"

Without waiting for his reply, this time, I warped to the north side.

And after that, I also warped to the east side.

All of them were the same, they were getting ragged by the surprise night attack.

With me killing most of the enemies, the battle front was rebuilt.

Repeating all of that, I returned to the south side.

"What!"

I lost my words.

The guys that I saved earlier were now prisoners.

Surrounded by enemy soldiers they were desperately begging for their lives.

[How pathetic]

"S-Save me"

The male captain saw me, and desperately shouted.

The enemy soldiers found me. They quickly turned towards me.

I fixed my grip on the Demon Swords.

[You're going to do it]

"Yeah"

I slashed through the enemy soldiers.

I left it to them because they started to get an advantage, but now, I began to think that I should've just killed all of the enemies.

And when I was cutting the enemies like that.

"Everyone, pull back"

A man shouted, and the enemy soldiers stopped because of that.

They took some distance, and started to retreat from me.

And opening a way between those enemy soldiers, one man stepped in front.

A man that is carrying a large sword on his back, with a different air compared to those small fries.

"Tell me your name"

"Yuuki Kakeru"

"As I've thought"

He's probably someone that knows about me.

"Demon Sword Wielder——hmph!"

He snorted.

"I am Miltos. I heard that a Demon Sword Wielder had appeared in this war, so I wanted to meet you"

"Wanted to meet me?"

"That's right"

Miltos nodded, pulled out the large sword in his back, and held it with both his hands. The next instant when he held it like that, *Kiiiin*, a sharp sound echoed.

It's not just me who heard it, the surrounding soldiers—both ally and enemy covered their ears. "I came, show who is the better Demon Sword Wielder" "Demon Sword Wielder, vou?" [Hmm, Telemia huh] "You know about it" I asked Eleanor. [Well, yeah] "Let's go, HAAAAAA!!" Miltos charged, and swung down his large sword. I blocked using Eleanor. A shrill echoed again. I furrowed my eyebrows. Miltos raised his gear and continued to slash forward.

"Fuhahahaha, what, is that all you have!"

""

"Is that all you have, Demon Sword Wielder!!"

Miltos heightens his spirits.

"Annoying guy"

Using Eleanor, I cut the large sword that was swung horizontally into two, and slashed Miltos using Hikari.

Zushu!!

Miltos pulled back.

"W-What the....."

"Isn't that too brittle for a Demon Sword"

[That, a Demon Sword? Don't make me laugh. Something like Telemia, it's good enough to call it a Magic Sword. Don't compare me to something like that]

"I see"

I felt that Eleanor was seriously looking down on it.

"U000000!!"

Miltos roared.

An aura started to wrap around Telemia, and it became its blade.

"It regenerates"

[It is something like that]

"Too bad huh, Demon Sword Wielder. It's useless even if you destroy this Telemia!!"

"Is that so"

"U00000!!!"

Miltos charged again while holding Telemia.

I blocked the slash that creates a shrill using Eleanor once again, and slashed towards him using Hikari.

"It's useless, even if my Telemia breaks——"

"If so, I'll just cut you together"

I declared silently, and split the sword together with its owner into two.

The enemy soldiers got agitated, and ran away one by one.

"It should be alright already with this"

[If it's not, you can just come again right]

"I guess so"

I nodded, and warped.

Just like how I did it earlier, from west to east, pass through the north and return to the south.

They were at a disadvantage again in here and there, but I carried them again when I came.

Eleanor complained while fighting.

[Really, to think that they are this weak. If you were not around, they were already defeated a long time ago]

"I guess so"

[If it's this terrible, anyone would want to throw their towel. Maybe, asking the enemy for help and annihilating them would be for the best]

"That is, well"

In fact, Eleanor's words were very attractive, that I started wanting to follow it.

I carried them through all of it, but it was really a terrible battle.

Finally, the gongs were sounded.

It's the enemy's signal for retreat.

The enemy soldiers pulled back like the waves.

I lowered Eleanor and Hikari.

[Otou-san, you aren't going to chase them?]

"Yeah"

[You're going to stop halfway huh. If you pursue them with attacks right now, it would be a piece of cake]

"I said that I won't chase after them, but I didn't say I wouldn't pursue them"

[Umu? What do you mean by that?]

"I mean it like this——lend the lightning magic powers to Io"

[Magic Powers of Lightning will be lent to Io Akos. Time Remaining: 29 seconds]

I used the ability that I got from the lottery.

It's an ability that lends my powers to the person I designated.

I used that to Io who was on stand by.

This is the signal.

A moment later, a hundred lightning strikes fell on the group of enemy soldiers who were running away.



CHAPTER 93

JOKER

The enemy army that launched a surprise night attack was pushed back, and retreated in tatters after being hit by Io's lightning magic that was multiplied 777 times. Looking at that chance, Theo who was missing up until then gathered the remaining soldiers, and launched a pursuit attack.



The next day, in the town of Chigris.

I looked at the scene where the kingdom's army retreated with defeat.

[How pathetic]

Eleanor's voice that I could hear inside my head was so cold that I could easily imagine her face looking down on them.

[How can they be defeated like that]

"I wonder, it's so weird"

[This war, seriously, isn't it for the best to withdraw from it?]

Eleanor's tone was very serious.

[Being with these guys won't be of anything good]

"I guess so....."

I thought about it. The things from now on.

It's exactly as Eleanor had said.

I could easily see that if I'm with these guys who would return with defeat in a pursuit battle, it would be full of hardship from now on.

I thought, what is the best thing that I should do.

[Kakeru~]

Two ghost maids flew from the sky.

It's Tanya and Peggy who I'm letting Eleanor posses.

They flew from afar and landed in front of me.

"How was it?"

[They're not chasing us~]

[The opponent has retreated]

Hearing the two's report, I nodded.

Soon as I heard the report that the kingdom's army had retreated with defeat, I sent them for reconnaissance.

"It looks like——they couldn't launch a counterattack immediately huh"

[You had just given them so many casualties after all, that should be the case]

"I guess so"

[So, what will you do]

"With what?"

[Don't play the fool]

Eleanor said with an impatient voice.

[It's about you, of course, you are not thinking of withdrawing just like this right?] "Of course"

I nodded clearly.

That's right, it's troublesome and annoying, but I'm not planning on withdrawing from the war at all.

If I was planning on doing that, I wouldn't defend against the enemy, and did it last night.

"I promised Fiona and Marie. I promised them that I would make the two of them queens"

[What will you do then]

"What do you think?"

[Why are you asking me]

"You had lived hundreds of years right? You should also know heroes and conquerors and there should be situations when things like this had happened. You have some right? Pieces of advice coming from experience"

[No]

Eleanor clearly said.

"Really? You don't have any"

[The situation right now is too different from what I have experienced. Well, there is a plan where I could annihilate all the humans, both the allies and the enemies including the wielder—well, I should say that you would be an exception though. What do you think]

"That's too scary! Hey, come to think of it, you were doing things like that huh"

Demon Sword Eleanor, it looks like her darkness in the past was quite deep.
Well, leaving that on the side, it looks like I can't expect any advice from Eleanor.

[By the way, if we are going to do it]

"Un?"

[Those two right there will be the first prey. They would be easily controlled after making them into grudge ghosts with their reason and identity crushed into pieces]
[Hii!!]

Peggy clings to Tanya with fear.

Tanya didn't raise a scream, but she had a scared face.

"Stop it"

I flicked Eleanor. A clear sound echoed.

[Tanya is very easy to use you know. Is it because her time being a grudge ghost very long. I could see that she has quite some talent]

"Don't explain it so happily"

[If you want some advice, this is all that I can give though]

"I got it already. I won't rely on you other than battles okay"

[Kukuku]

Eleanor didn't take offense, but laughed joyfully instead.

However, I'm troubled.

There isn't any problem when I'm not thinking about it, but when I start thinking of wanting someone's advice, I really want some.

And being told something like "it's difficult" or "there's none", I would want it more and more.

[What are you worrying about]

"What, really, you're the one who's asking. It's your fault because you won't be of any help"

[Isn't there one who is very suitable to become your mentor, within your women] "Very suitable? Who is it"

Who's the one good at advising again.

Delfina, Helen, Rica.

I thought of them, but I feel like they're somewhat different.

[Really, you really can't remember it. You were that attached to her before too] ".....ah"

"Attached", hearing that word, I remembered her.

"Althea huh"

I completely forgot about the great sage.



"Rather, it is very pleasing"

I returned, and inside the mansion, Althea and I were in the living room. Hearing about the story, Althea who was rejuvenated with my vigor said that.

"Pleasing?"

"I am Althea, just Althea, after all"

With those words that she frequently says, Althea smiled gently and happily.

[Kuku, a face completely satisfied with everything in the world]

Eleanor laughed interestingly.

She's happy that I had forgotten about her being the great sage huh.

"But if so, my bad, lend me your wisdom"

"I understood"

Althea nodded just like an obedient wife.

Soon after, her expression changed.

With her matchless beauty just as it is, she had a strict and crisp face.

"First, I shall confirm"

The tone of her voice also changed.

It's the teacher tone that she makes when she's teaching something to me.

It's the first time that I heard it ever since she became my woman, so I felt funny about it.

I felt funny about it, but I won't say it to her, I just let her continue like that.

"You want to make the sisters, Fiona and Marie, queens in the end right"

"That's right. Adding to that, I want to make the kingdom stable. I don't want to make them the queens of a messed up place after the war"

"Confusion and chaos always accompanies the end of wars"

"It's alright as long as it's limited to the range of common sense"

"And, the soldiers that gathered below the kingdom's flag is too weak and useless"

"That's right"

I didn't think that they would be 'that' weak.

"You and your slave soldiers had consecutive wins with consecutive fights"

I'm a little worried about Nikki's troops, but well, that's right.

"That point is very good, but you are only a little more than two hundred, your

numbers cannot affect the whole situation of the war"

That's right.

There's no problem with local battles, but it would be bad when big battles with armies occur.

The surprise attack last night was exactly that.

When army versus army battles occurs, we were completely pushed back.

I also pushed them back by continuously warping from battle to battle, but I'm not sure if that would work in a battle in the plains where the armies would be at a skirmish.

"There is no use gathering soldiers that could only be used as numbers"

"Well, that's about it"

"You want to gather soldiers that have a degree of battle proficiency quickly"

"Yeah, if possible."

Confirming the situation one by one, Althea makes me remember what is really needed.

With just how she leads the conversation, I'm already very thankful.

"Well then, do this"

And, it came.

Advice with a teacher's tone just like before, advice that I felt like it was pushing from above.

"Borrow soldiers from three kingdoms"

".....eh?"

"It is a cheat move that only you can do in this world. That includes the post-war process"

Althea who said that smiled mischievously.

CHAPTER 94 THE WISH FINALLY CAME TRUE

"Three kingdoms?"

"Mercouri, Calamba, and Comotoria"

Althea said as if counting numbers.

"It's the countries that your women is"

That way of saying is weird—but, I got the story.

Princess Helen in Mercouri, Queen Rica in Calamba, and Princess Aura in Comotoria. There's my women in those countries' head, and Althea is just telling me to use them.

"You should just borrow soldiers from them"

"Isn't it bad if other countries intervene?"

"It is, normally. It is because the post-war procedure would be troublesome. Because it is normal for the ones that had lent the soldiers to ask for something after winning the war"

I know right.

"That is why, "you" should just borrow soldiers. Not the Siracuza Kingdom's army, and not the two offsprings of the royal family. You should borrow them. If so, the demand for compensation will go to you"

"To me?"

"Princess Helen, Queen Rica, Princess Aura. I wonder what they would ask from you"

Althea made a slight smile.

It was a little bit mischievous smile.

I see, not Siracuza but me, huh.

I thought about the three.

If it's Helen, she might not even ask for anything back.

If it's Rica, she would probably ask me to stay in the harem that she made for me for several days.

If it's Aura, she would probably hold back and I would need to force her to take what she wants.

Whichever it is, it would end with me just taking care of them.

My women, I will take care of.

".....what, isn't it such a simple thing"

"You finally understood"

"Yeah. I thought about it too much"

"No, there is no problem with the way you think, and with your measures. Politically speaking, it is not wrong to make the three kingdoms to promise at least neutrality. Being able to do that, it is almost perfect diplomatically——if it is an ordinary person" "That's right"

I laughed.

"If so, let's do something that isn't normal"

I made Eleanor's tsukkomi that said "up until now wasn't normal too" shut up with a flick of my finger.



In the outskirts of Reiusu, on the side of the lake adjacent to the grassland.

I took out the magic cottage there.

Its appearance was just a small cottage just as usual, but I had drawn the lottery using the free tickets ever since I got it, so the interior has become quite something.

Using the place next to the entrance as the living room, four rooms were installed, three of them are used as bedrooms, and one as the kitchen.

Right now, the magic cottage became a 3LDK house.

And in the living room, Delfina and I were sitting across each other.

"Chigris has fallen"

"Well, I thought that it would"

I withdrew from the war for a while after all.

"It looks like the barbarian army has been very eager in that place. That was the last place where the two princesses were seen, and there was no one who had escaped from that place. That's why, they should be somewhere in that place——"

"And so, they're searching every nook and cranny huh"

Delfina nodded without saying anything.

"They had also requested it from my place. Asking for the information of the whereabouts of the princesses"

"You're also doing informant business"

"It is just a side job. It is profitable after all"

"And, did you sell it?"

"Yes, I did of course. The mansion where princesses'——Fiona and Marie stayed, the last place that they were seen, the number of underwear that they wore when they

stayed——"

She said as if counting numbers, and smiled with a grin.

"I had sold all of the information that was profitable"

"You're really cunning. You haven't sold the information that they're here did you"

That's right, Fiona and Marie are here.

I'm sheltering them until the soldiers from the three kingdoms gathered.

It's very dangerous to stay in the territory of Siracuza, so I took them to Mercouri's territory, and to the shore of this lake.

I took them using warp so there are no clues left behind.

Other than Delfina who's in front of me knowing all about it.

"No way, why would I sell that"

Delfina covered her mouth, giggled and smiled.

It's a mischievous smile, she's so pretty when she's smiling like that.

"It would bring quite some profit, but the loss will be too large. The loss of, making an enemy of you"

"Which is it?"

Is it as a merchant, or as a woman.

"Who knows"

Smiling gently and pleasantly, Delfina dodged the question.

Within my women, Delfina has a little different position than the others.

I'm counting her as my woman.

But, in fact, she still isn't. Well at least, nominally that is.

Delfina Homers Lanmari.

This woman who has wealth that is equal to a kingdom, she is saying that she wants to marry a man who could buy her including all of her assets.

I still can't buy her, so nominally, we're in the "trial period" or "loan".

Well, that is just a word play though.

Delfina is my woman.

"I don't know about business"

I brazenly shrugged my shoulders and raised up my palm.

"You should just profit whichever way you like"

"Yes, I will do so without holding back. Actually"

She grinned again.

"I had just sold things to everyone"

"Everyone?"

"To the Queen Her Majesty and the two Highnesses, equipments and expendables. Her Highness Helen had asked with a political reason, and the other two had asked with personal reason"

"He∼"

"Please ask the reason to them personally"

"I'll do that"

I could somehow understood why Helen, Rica, and Aura did that.

I could, but I should ask it properly later.

After sending out Delfina, I'm in my own room.

The room within the three rooms that I'm usually using.

The magic cottage in the night was very quiet, and has a different atmosphere with the mansion.

I'm lying on the bed, and stared at the Warp Feather intently.

A magic item that I got from the lottery. As long as I have this, they won't get captured.

[Although, there isn't any problem if they found you]

"Don't read my mind"

[It can't be helped, it flows into me although I'm not doing anything]

"Don't reply then. When times like that, you should read the air—no, uhh, it's nothing"

[What are you getting convinced off, that's annoying]

"Well, after all, you can't read the air right?"

[I could read something like very easily, don't look down on me]

"It's "Ki" that you can read not "Kuuki(air) right? Things like Youki or Reiki, otherworldly or ghostly things"(Kuuki 空気, Ki 気, Reiki 霊気, Youki 妖気)

[Mumu!]

I chatted with Eleanor about useless things.

Playing with her is somewhat fun too.

[Mu?]

What is it.

[There's the little girl on the other side of the door]

On the other side of the door? I also concentrated and searched. There's really someone there. I'm familiar with this breath. This breathing——is it Marie? [It seems like she's hesitating] That seems so. I waited for a while, but Marie's presence won't go away. With her "hesitating" presence just like Eleanor had said, she is just standing on the other side of the door. [There's no end like this] "I guess so" I nodded, and stood out from the bed. I went towards the door, and quickly opened it. "Kya!" Marie was there. In the night living room, there's the appearance of Marie standing in the dark wearing her pajama. "K-Kakeru-san....." "What happened. You can't sleep?" "No.....u~un, that might, be so" "....?" What does she mean?

Eleanor said it like that.

"Talking while standing is, so——"

I took a glance at the sofa in the living room. Let's talk there, but when I thought of that.

"Uhm! Can I.....enter inside?"



She said with a loud voice at first, but her voice suddenly shrunk, and it was almost disappearing in the end.

She was looking down with a flushed face.

Isn't this.

[It's probably like "that"]

Ahh, it looks like that.

A sneak visit at night—well, leaving aside if those words are correct to use here, but it's probably like that.

She came to be embraced.

I could understand that at least, I'm not that insensitive.

That's good too, I'm not reluctant about that.

The decision that I had taken once had become a hindrance.

The promise that I would make the two, Fiona and Marie queens.

Inside of me, I had thought that I would do that, after I had kept my promise.

That's why, even now, I'm still thinking of how to pass through on this situation.

——but.

"A-Am I.....not good"

Marie said that to me.

She looked up to me, with an expression that she might cry anytime.

With a face thinking that she was rejected, with a face that is almost driven to despair.

".....no"

I shook my head.

I, reflected on myself.

I made a girl.....I made Marie make such a face.

[A failure as a man huh] I couldn't say anything back, as rarely as it is, I thought that it's exactly as Eleanor said. I pulled Marie to me, and kissed her lips. "Ah....." Her face reddened, covered her lips with her hands, and her tears came out. These tears, I don't hate it, I don't hate these tears of happiness. I placed my arm around her and the back of her knees, and carried Marie's petite body. I closed the door, and gently put her down on the bed. I kissed her once more. "Finally....." "Un?" "I'm finally, Kakeru-san's woman" "I see" "I had.....wished for it for so long" That much huh. I started to really feel bad about it. That's why, I. "I'll be gentle" "Yes....." Marie closed her eyes.

Just like I told her, I took her very gently.

I did it as gently as I could, the most caring that I could.

Warmly, gently, and caringly, I melted Marie's heart and body.

CHAPTER 95

THE BIG SISTER'S RESOLUTION

Morning, Marie unsteadily stood up from the bed.

She woke up from my arm pillow, collected the clothes that were scattered, and wore them.

"<u>---!!</u>"

She let out a voice when she was wearing them.

It was somewhat a painful voice.

She took a glance towards me. I felt that she would turn to me so I closed my eyes.

"He didn't wake up.....thank goodness"

"I woke up", well, I'm not so insensitive that I would say something like that.

I felt that Marie wants to do something.

I don't know what she wants to do, but I'm thinking of letting her do whatever it is.

Marie walked, and went out of the room.

And feeling that, I heightened my hearing, and searched for Marie's presence.

"Before Kakeru-san wakes up......I need to make breakfast"

After whispering something like that, I started to hear sounds coming from the kitchen.

The sound of the knife, the sound of the utensils, the sound of processing the ingredients.

It looks like just like she whispered, Marie was making breakfast.

I raised my body, and sat with crossed feet on the bed.

Hearing what Marie is doing, I let her do as she likes to.

After a while, a pleasant smell reached inside the room as well.

It's probably something warm, soup's smell.

I started to look forward to it.

And there, Eleanor talked to me.

[What a nice girl]

"Yeah"

[Unlike as usual, you failed as well]

"You're talking about yesterday huh. Well, yeah"

[I thought that you would do it more intensely. Just like with all the women you had until now. Why didn't you do so?]

"I just felt like it. I said that "I'll be gentle" after all"

[Look how caring you are]

"Do you want me to be kind to you too?"

[From you?]

"Yeah"

[How disgusting]

Eleanor said with a happy voice.

"You don't want to be treated gently?"

[Isn't it too late for that. I'll doubt your sanity first]

"That's harsh"

[Remember what you had done to me up until now. It's all your fault]

"Hmph"

That might be true.

Well, even so, I'm not planning on changing on how I use and treat Eleanor.

She's a Demon Sword, the only Demon Sword in the world that could take all that I

have. A girl like this doesn't need what they call "kindness". [I do not wish for it after all] "Didn't I told you don't read my mind" And while we're chatting like that, I started to hear voices from outside the room. "Good morning. Ara, Marie, what happened to you?" "Good morning, Onee-chan. I'm making breakfast for Kakeru-san." "Breakfast.....ah!" Fiona held her breath. "I see. Kakeru-san did it with you huh." "Un?" I felt something wrong with Fiona's words. What is Marie making? What is it that Fiona could tell with just one look. "Shh! Onee-shan, your voice is too loud." "Ah! Sorry, sorry." A scolding little sister and apologizing big sister. The two of them lowers their voice—well, I could still hear all of it with my 777x hearing though.

"But, congratulations, Marie."

"I.....un."

"Thanks, Onee-chan. Onee-chan is still, not yet?"

"Why? Don't you like Kakeru-san?" "It's not that, I like Kakeru-san, but....." Fiona paused her words. But. what? After a moment of silence, they continued. "I'm not suitable with Kakeru-san, and there's no reason to do it after all." "That's the same with me you know. A hero like Kakeru-san, in reality, it should've been hard for us to just talk to him." "But still, Marie, you had your life saved, so you have the reason to 'give something back'. I, I don't have something like that." What, she was holding back because of that, huh. ".....ne~, Onee-chan, I have a good idea." "A good idea?" Marie lowers her voice once again. She lowers it that Fiona couldn't hear her if she didn't whisper it to her ears. "You should just hold the Demon Sword." "The Demon Sword? Are you talking about Eleanor?" "Un, if you do that, I think that Kakeru-san would save you, right?" No, no, isn't that too much.

She let out a loud voice. Loud enough that it could be heard with normal hearing.

"There's that——!!"

Fiona lowers her voice in a hurry.

"There was that huh. Good job, Marie."

"But, Onee-chan. I'll just say this. That, it's su∼per painful you okay."

"How painful is it?"

"E~to.....like getting hit in the stomach while being strangled while all of your limbs turning in a weird direction, and getting burned, all of that at the same time."

Isn't that too much!

[Well, that's about it]

I flicked Eleanor who said that so calmly with a finger.

"I see.....un, Marie at that time looked very painful after all."

"Un."

"I got it. Then, I'll try to do it tonight. I'll search for a chance and touch Eleanor-san."

"Un, do your best, Onee-chan."

The sisters encouraged each other, and the sound of making food continued. How should I say this.....un, how should I say this.

[She wants to be yours that much that she's willing to go that far, huh. What a good girl]

"Yeah"

I didn't feel bad at all with Fiona's feelings.

Receiving such a tragic but brave resolution, I wanted to do something with all what I have instead.

I thought of making her a great first experience that would be a great memory with all

that I have.

CHAPTER 96 THE GREATEST MEMORY

[What are you going to do specifically]
"I'll do it in the way that she wants it the most"
[Hmm, you are going to make her hold me then]

I immediately flicked Eleanor who was speaking such nonsense with a finger.

"Don't be stupid, isn't it very clear that she's only doing that because there's no helping it. Why would I let her do that"

[Isn't it what she wants to as well]

"Anyways, I won't let her do that"

[Then, what will you do?]

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In times like this——I'll ask her for advice.

I warped directly from the cottage's bedroom to my room in the mansion.

After warping to my bedroom, I walked towards the living room.

Althea was drinking the tea that Miu served her.

"Welcome back, Master"

"What happened? Returning so suddenly"

Since it was an old woman's husky voice, I held her hand without saying and sent my vigor to her.

Her wrinkled hand gradually returned to a smooth and silky one, and Althea returned to a matchless beauty.

"I want you to teach me something"

"Speak then"

Althea's tone turned into a teacher's one in an instant. By the way, Miu read the air and left.

I didn't do anything roundabout, I told her the whole situation including Fiona and Marie's conversation that I heard.

"What should I do"

"What about asking what she wants directly? Or asking the little sister what it is"

"Which would you think would be a good memory, one with surprise or one without?"

There's no problem asking her about, I don't have any fixations about that.

My point is, the goal this time is to make her a good memory.

"If so, the one with surprise it is"

"I can't ask her then"

Althea nodded silently, and continued with a serious face.

"Fiona, the poster girl of the diner Purosu-tei. A civilian who did not know her roots just a while ago"

"That's right"

"If she's what they call an ordinary girl, there are roughly three that she would want"

"What's the first one?"

"A man who has good techniques leading her"

"That's too ordinary. I didn't come here to ask for something like that. What's the second one?"

"Matching it with her birthday or some kind of special day"

"The timing doesn't match. I don't know when it would be. I want something that could

be done immediately, tonight, if possible. What's the last one?"

"Wedding ceremony"

"Wedding ceremony?"

"Giving the virginity that they had protected until their marriage to the man that they love, that is something that most of the girls long for. The more that it is, if she is an ordinary girl"

"Is it something like that?"

To be sure, I asked.

"It is, normally. Marriage is a tool for royalties and nobles, but it is only a dream for ordinary girls"

"I got it. Thanks"

I said goodbyes to Althea, and warped to the next destination.

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"Wedding ceremony?"

In Delfina's merchant company. She had her eyes widened hearing what I told her.

"That's right. If I'm going to do one, how long would it take to prepare it? Would it make it tonight"

"The ceremony itself could be prepared within half a day. Kakeru-sama, are you getting married?"

"No, just the ceremony"

I told Delfina all about Fiona including the advice given by Althea.

"Was that so"

"Is the wedding ceremony really something to dream of?" To be sure. I also asked here. "I do not really know" Delfina stressed "I". Just hearing that is enough. "I'll leave all the preparations to you" "To be sure, is it really alright?" "Un?" "If Kakeru-sama's going to get married, I believe that there are a lot of people who would not stay silent" "I'll also do it with them if they want to" I held the Warp Feather. "Doing it or not, my woman will always be my woman" Leaving Delfina who was smiling silently, I warped once again. &® "Ah! Kakeru-san, did you go somewhere?" I returned to my bedroom in the magic cottage. Fiona who saw me got a relieved face and came in front of me. "I just had something to do" "Was that so"

Fiona nodded, it seems as if she did not mind me disappearing. And the reason for that is. [She was staring me so intently. Kukuku, as if a predator looking at its prey] Eleanor said joyfully. That's right, Fiona started at Eleanor without moving. With a face full of resolution that I've never seen before. [It has been hundreds of years since I received such a feverish look. Receiving this, I'm starting to want to let her have me] Eleanor said mischievously. I won't let you do it okay. "Fiona" "Yes!" Fiona who was called raised her head with surprise, and looked at me. "Do you have time tonight?" "Tonight?.....I have....." "Give that time to me" "It's alright, but, what are we going to do, Kakeru-san" "Wedding ceremony" "Eh?" "Let's have our wedding ceremony" ".....eh"

Fiona was dumbfounded.

Eleanor laughed out loud inside of my head.



"This is too sudden, Kakeru-san"

In the bridegroom's waiting room, Io said to me.

She isn't in her usual magician look, but in a dress look.

As an invited guest of a wedding ceremony, she's wearing the dress Delfina prepared.

Her hairstyle was also set very nicely, and unlike her usual self, she had a very mature

look.

By the way, I'm wearing a white tuxedo, and of course, I have Eleanor on my waist.

"Is that so?"

"That's right. It's not normal to have a wedding ceremony so suddenly"

"By the way, does Io dream of a wedding ceremony?"

"That is, well.....I do"

"You want to have one too?"

" $U\sim n$ "

Io thought for a while, then shook her head.

"I think I'll pass"

"Weren't you dreaming about it?"

"Well, yeah, I do, but doing that with Kakeru-san, I feel like that's a bit different. You see, didn't I came because I wanted to enter Kakeru-san's party. So if I'm asked if I want to marry Kakeru-san......I think that's a little different"

"I see"

"Ah! But, I want to go adventures with Kakeru-san forever, I think"

"Forever, huh"

"Un, forever! That's why, Kakeru-san, if you're going somewhere, always take me with you okay"

"I got it"

When I answered like that, Io nodded with full of smiles.

Io left the waiting room, and instead, Marie entered.

Marie's also in a dress look. The childish air that she had just a while ago disappeared, and she started to show seductiveness.

"Kakeru-san"

But, she somewhat has a long face.

"What happened"

"Uhmm.....Onee-chan is.....e~to, troubled, no, hesitating.....or not that too"

Marie was being inarticulate.

[It looks like she's being quite complicated]

"What happened with Fiona?"

"Uhm.....why are you suddenly having a wedding ceremony?"

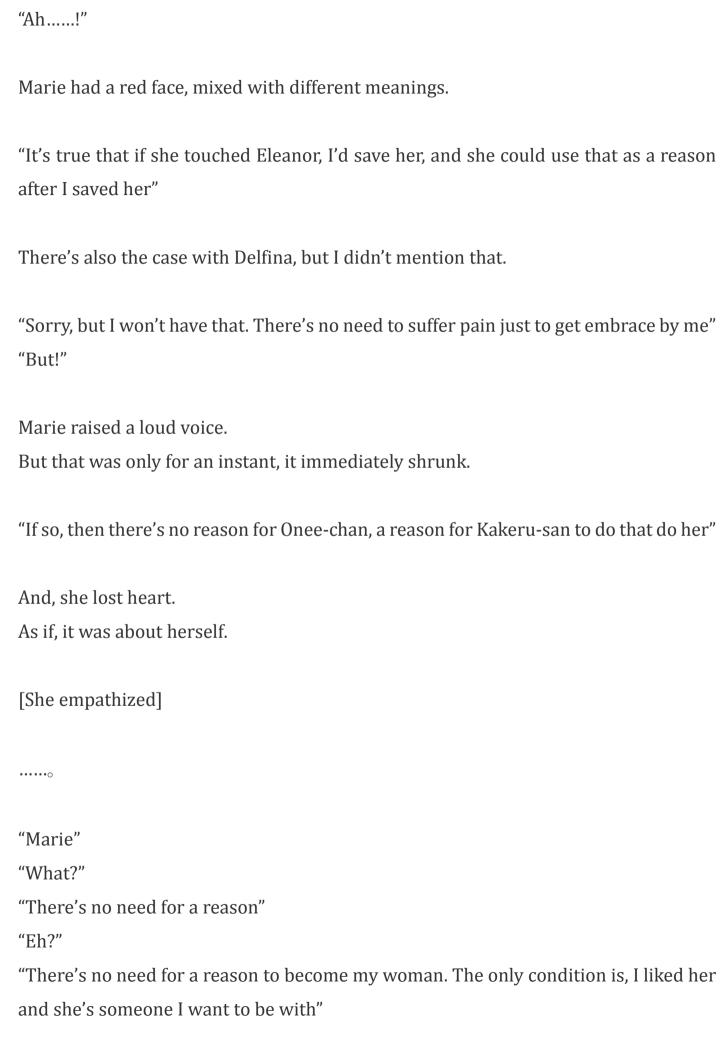
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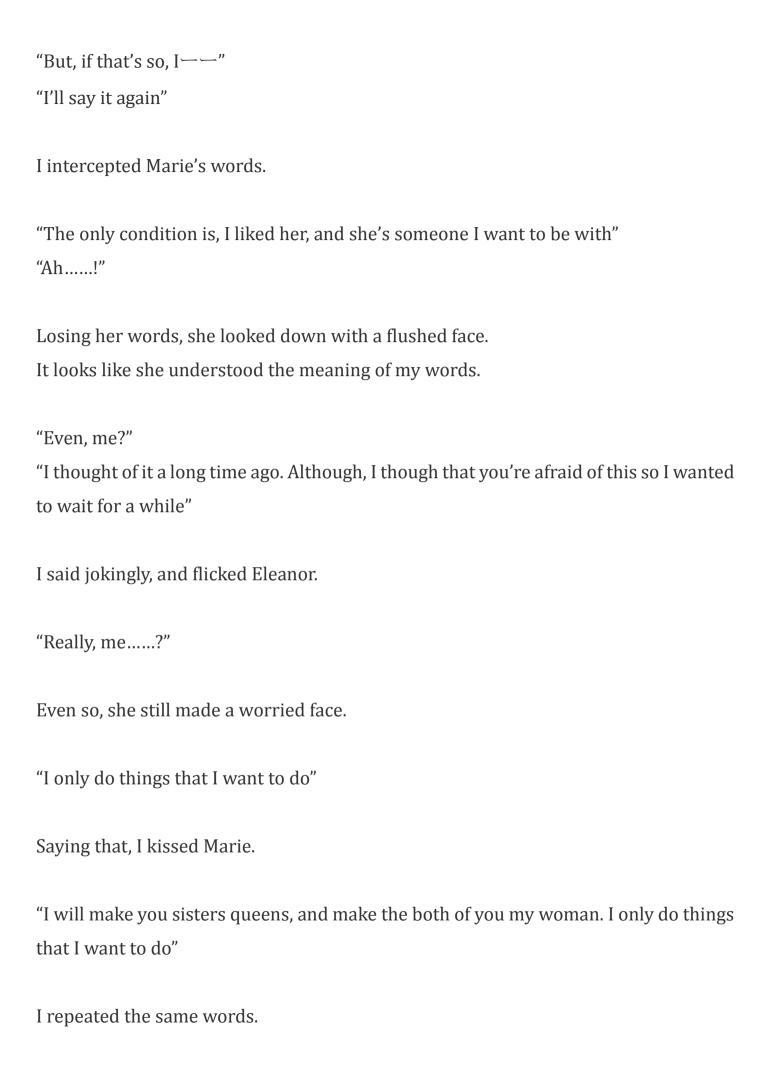
I thought for a while, and answered.

"Earlier today, I heard Marie and Fiona's conversation"

"Eh?"

"Marie told Fiona about last night, and I heard that Fiona would sneak and touch Eleanor"





"I would only make my women have good times. I did it with Marie yesterday. And today, I will have a wedding ceremony with Fiona, and give her a memory that she won't forget as long as she lives"

"It was, like that"

"But, that's right. I didn't explain all of that. Fiona can't be blamed if she feels worried. I'll go and explain it to her now"

I stood up and went towards the door.

"Ah!"

Marie let out a voice. "What is it", I thought, but opened the door.

And, Fiona was there.

The beautiful Fiona wearing her wedding dress.

"Fiona?! What, I didn't feel your presence here"

"S-Sorry! Delfina-san gave me this.....uhm, she said that it's a tool that completely erases sounds and presences"

"That woman....."

[Kukuku, she returned your eavesdropping very well]

Eleanor said while laughing.

"S-Sorry! Uhm——"

"It's alright"

I put a finger on Fiona's lips, and stopped her words.

"If you heard it, then fine——"

I said it, but thought of it once again.

Lack of explanation——I had just thought of fixing that.

Once again, I looked straight at Fiona, and said.

"I want you. I want to make you have the greatest memory. Will you have a wedding ceremony with me"

With a face full of smiles.....with tears in the corner of her eyes, Fiona nodded.



The wedding ceremony that was prepared for half a day was an excellent one.

A beautiful church, guests starting from Nana and others.

Melissa who is the Lady Saint of the Solon Church was the pastor.

Hikari and Chibi Dragon presented the bouquet of flowers.

And many others.

The ceremony was an excellent one.

Fiona almost cried to happiness many times, and I looked at her just many times to check that it was only tears on the corner of her eyes.

At the same time with the ceremony ending, a golden colored lottery ticket that I had never seen before appeared, but.

Not minding all of that, I took Fiona with me, and as I've declared, I gave her the greatest wedding night that I could think of.



CHAPTER 97

THE FLEDGLING QUEEN, AND RESOLVE

Late at night, in the bedroom where moonlight shines down to. Fiona is in my arms. She's not asleep, she's clearly awake. She's awake, but desperately keeping her breath, acting like she's sleeping. Her
"Figure"
"Fiona" ""
She didn't reply so I softly poked her back in a descending way to let her relax.
"Hyai!"
"Just relax, don't be so nervous"
Is it because she raised a voice, Fiona gave up and looked up to me. Her gaze was a little mixed with spite.
"Kakeru-san"
"If you're not going to relax, I'll do it forcefully"
"Eh, f-forcefully?"
Fiona's face reddened. Not that one.
I reached out my dark aura's arm.
A third arm, recently, I'm able to use it even without holding Eleanor.
Using that, I tickled Fiona.

"Koshokosho"

"Aha, ahahahahah"

"Koshokoshokoshokosho"

"Ahahahahah, s-stop it, ahaha, K-Kakeru-san"

"You'd stop getting nervous then?"

"I will, I will, ahaha, so please"

Laughing too much, Fiona answered with teary eyes.

"Yosh"

I pulled back the aura arm.

Fiona who was tickled got exhausted. Adding what I had told her, she leaned all of her to me.

I wiped her skin that was a little sweaty with my finger.

She wriggled in a tickling way, but in a different way from earlier.

She moved, making our bodies closer.

"Really, Kakeru-san's so forceful"

And, she said with a sulking tone.

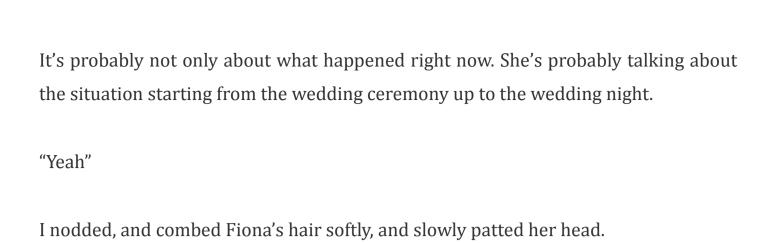
Look how cute she is.

"Is that so?"

"Yes, you're so mean. Making me wait for so long, and suddenly like this.....that's so unfair"

"I'll apologize about that. I didn't think that I was making you wait. Adding to that, it's me as usual after I knew about it"

"Kakeru-san as usual, is always this forceful?"



"I embrace good women. I'll take care of them, make them satisfy them, and make

""

them mine"

"I don't know if that's forceful or not, but that's how I am usually"

"Haa"

Fiona let out a sigh, it was a little sexy, that my lower part almost reacted.

"Kakeru-san's so unfair"

"Is that so?"

"That's right, you're so unfair \sim "

In the end, I couldn't understand what's unfair, but since Fiona's stopped getting nervous and stuck out bodies, that result is enough.

"Ne~.....Kakeru-san?"

"Un?"

I replied while stroking her head.

"Is there anything that I can do for Kakeru-san?"

"Just do what you want"

"What I want?"

"Yeah, all of my women are living how they like to do so, and I'm letting them as well" "Is that alright? If you say that I can do all that I want.....I might get jealous of other girls you know?"

"I don't mind"

"Ehhh?"

"If you start saying something like that, I'll just love and take care of you until you stopped thinking about something like jealousy"

""

Fiona buried her face in my chest.

I don't know what kind of expression she's having, but her face is warmer than her body.

"Kakeru-san's so unfair"

She said that I'm unfair again.

"Is that so?"

"You're so unfair....."

"I see"

".....I love you soo much"

Fiona embraced me tightly.

Until the night has ended, she continued to hug me tightly.



"Good morning"

"Good morning, Kakeru-san"

The next day, I woke up with the sisters' voice.

I raised my body. Fiona already left my arms, wore clothes, and woke me up with her little sister Marie.

"We have prepared breakfast"

"I made it with Onee-chan"

"He~? Then, it's the taste of Purosu-tei huh"

"Yes. We prepared mountain cow fried rice"

"That's somewhat nostalgic"

I started to look forward to it.

I stood up from the bed, the two helped me wear my clothes, and left the room together after taking Eleanor that I placed against the wall.

We walked together with the sisters sandwiching me from the side, with me in the middle.

While walking to the dining room, Fiona said.

"Ne~, Kakeru-san, you said that I can do what I want, right"

"Yeah, I did"

"Does that mean, I can ask something from Kakeru-san as well"

"Just tell me"

Fiona and Marie looked at each other with me in the middle.

"Helen-sama, Rica-sama, Aura-sama"

"We want to talk to everyone"

"What, is that all, alright"

Since she said it formally, I thought that it would be some kind of a difficult thing, but that was all.

"I got it, I'll take you right now"

I said that, and took out the Warp Feather.

"Thank goodness, with this, I can ask about what we shouldn't do"

"Rather than that, Onee-chan, we should ask what kind of things Kakeru-san would get happy with"

I had heard the sisters' conversation before we warped.

[Look, see how lovable these girls are]

The place where we warped to, in Calamba's audience hall, Eleanor said half-jokingly.

"I'll just make Rica and the others brainwash them. That they could just do what they want"

[It would be a disaster if one who had never had any authority were suddenly given one]

"Are you talking from experience?"

[That's right, everyone that I have seen were like that]

"Then, there's no problem. Even if it's a disaster or whatever, I'll take care of all the problems the two would bring. They're my women after all"

[Kukuku, what a guy you are]

"I'll take that as a compliment"

[I am complimenting you, receive it obediently]

"Is that so"

[Well then, if so, you need to get serious from now on. The two of them asking about what the mentality of a queen means......]

"Yeah"

I nodded, and softly touched Eleanor's handle.

"I will properly, make the two queens"

Once again, I declared.

CHAPTER 98

COPY AND PLUS

I came out of the magic cottage.

There are five people inside right now.

Helen, Aura, Rica, Fiona, and Marie.

Princesses and Queens, and girls that are planned to be ones as well.

Heads of four out of the five great kingdoms had gathered here.

It's like a little summit.

[Kukuku, if a meteor falls there, the world would be in chaos]

"Even if it falls, I'm here, and you're also here. That's nothing"

[Hmm, come to think of it, just a meteor would be useless huh]

"Right?"

[That thought of yours of protecting your women is really spiteful]

"Do you really hate it"

[Yes, I do. Umu, I really hate it]

Although she said that, her voice was cheerful.

I don't get it.

"Well, what should we do before they finish talking"

[How about asking about "that" lottery ticket that you got?]

""That"? Ahh, this huh"

I took out the lottery ticket.

A shining golden lottery ticket that is different to up until now.

It's something that appeared after my wedding night with Fiona.

It's something that one could easily tell as different, but I don't know how is it

different.

"I guess so, let's go ask what this is"
[Umu]



I brought the strongest military power that I have, Nana and the slave soldiers to the magic cottage, picked up Hikari by warping, and came to the lottery place.

Just as usual, Hikari hugs her mother Eleanor who turned into a human.

"This is for Okaa-san"

"This.....is this a flower?"

"Un! It's a ring made from flowers"

"Is this the same thing with that in the dragon lass's horn"

"That's right~. It's matching with O-chan and Hikari~"

".....I see"

While looking at the heartwarming scene of the mother and daughter in the corner of my eyes, I went to the staff.

"Welcome"

"You're not saying "don't bring that strange family bonding scene" anymore huh"

"I have given up. Even if say it, you're going to do it right?"

"That's exactly right. This is the only place the mother and daughter could touch each other after all"

"If so, just do what you want"

"Thanks"

"Rather than that, which lottery will you draw today?"

"Before that, look at this"

I showed the golden lottery ticket to the staff.

"What is this?"

"Ah! It's the fixed lottery ticket"

"Fixed lottery ticket?"

"Yes. Please wait for a moment"

The staff said that, and took out a different lottery machine from the back. Just like the lottery ticket, it was a golden lottery machine.

"That is a ticket for this lottery machine"

"He~. What will come out?"

"That is a secret"

She placed a finger on her lips and winked.

It was a mischievous smile, and it was a little cute.

"A secret huh"

"Yes. Ah! But, maybe I can say this Everything that would come out of this would be equal or more than the second prize. Surprisingly, it's all a hit! It's a fixed lottery that doesn't have a missing draw"

"He∼, that's amazing"

"You're reaction's too dull. It's really amazing you know"

"Even if you tell me that, I don't know how to react if I don't know what's the prize right"

"U~n, then, I'll tell you one. All of them are a hit, but I'll tell you the one that could be considered as the worst draw"

"Hou, what is it"

"Invisibility"

"Invisibility?"

"Yes! It's an ability that would make everything you touch invisible. This is amazing you now"

".....well, if you ask me if it's amazing, it is"

I don't know where and when to use it though. It's an ability that middle school boys would really like to have though.

"Your reaction's somewhat dull. It's really amazing you know? The worst draw is this amazing you know"

"I get that it's amazing.....it means that every other thing that could be drawn is better than that right"

"Yes!"

"I see"

Well, anyways, I have a ticket so I should just try and draw.

But, when I thought of that, I remembered something.

"By the way, that man......I don't know his name huh. That man that got tentacles as skill"

"What about him?"

"What did he draw?"

I asked about that man.

"He's always drawing with lots of tickets, but what did he get from the fixed lottery?"

"He has not drawn this lottery"

"Is that so?"

That's a little surprising.

With my experience up until now, I completely thought that he had also drawn with this.

"There are several ways to get a fixed lottery ticket and——ah! Of course, I cannot tell it to you"

Well, of course.

"All of the conditions are impossible for that person. He has a completely different way of living with you"

"We're different huh"

"Yes, you're different"

She nodded to me clearly.

I'm curious about those conditions though.

"I won't tell it to you"

The staff said with a serious face. "I won't say it whatever happens" was written on her face.

She won't leak it with just leading questions huh.

Well, whatever.

"I got it, then, let's draw——Hikari"

I turned around, and called Hikari.

Hikari went towards me while dragging Eleanor with her.

"What is it Otou-san?"

"The lottery, do you want to draw?"

"Un!"

"It's only once for today"

"I got it! Let's do it, Okaa-san"

"Umu"

The mother and daughter nodded to each other.

As usual, the staff prepared the stool from the side.

I felt funny about it——but I didn't say it out.

Eleanor and Hikari, the two of them held the handle, and turned the lottery machine.

GaraGaraGara—Poton!

GaranGaran, the hand bell rung.

"Congratulations, it's Jackpot"

"Isn't it a fixed lottery"

"Well, that is true, but anyways, it's Jackpot!!"

"I see. So, what's the prize?"

"Uhmm.....it's an ability called[Copy Plus]"

"Copy Plus? I can't imagine what kind of ability it is"

"It's a simple ability. Limited to one person in front of you, it's an ability that copies the ability value and adds your own ability. For example, your ability value is 777 and your daughter-san is 223"

"What's with that half-baked numbers"

I get that I'm 777 thought.

"When Copy Plus is activated, it would become 1000"

Ahh, she means 777 + 223 = 1000 huh.

I understood the ability, I understood it, but.

"That.....although it's simple, wouldn't you get the strongest with that?"

Being able to add what you have copied to your self, doesn't that mean that you will always be at an advantage?

Well, theoretically, no matter what kind of ability it is, it would be the strongest.

"Yes"

The staff smiled pleasantly, it's the proudest smile that she had today.

"That's why I told you it's Jackpot"

......I got convinced.

CHAPTER 99

A RIDICULOUS SKILL

Returning from the lottery place, I picked up Io using the Warp Feather, and came to the Orycuto's valley.

The lord of the valley, the immortal monster Orycuto ran away the moment it saw me. If it were a comical manga, it would be probably having springs of sweat.

"Oh~, it's running it's running"

[Of course it would run, thinking of the things that you did to it up until now] "Should I stop it?"

Io readied her magic staff, and asked while looking at Orycuto.

"It's fine, I didn't come for him today"

"Then why are we here?"

"Just wait a bit"

I casted the spell, and shot lightning magic on the wall.

It's a magic that I learned from Io, and the Orydite wall broke into pieces with the explosion.

"Uu.....Kakeru-san's so unfair"

"Unfair?"

"That's right, being able to use such a strong magic"

"Although it's strong, it's only 80% of Io's right, in the first place, it's a magic a learned from you"

There are two ways to learn magic in this world.

The first way is to learn it by training properly.

The other way is to receive magic attacks.

If one has the aptitude for the magic they received, and if they survive after that, they would be able to use it.

Coming to this world with all abilities multiplied 777 times, my life force and magical aptitude are also multiplied by 777 times.

I also had to defend, and survived after getting hit by Io. After that, I was able to use it.

"You're not a magician though"

"Hmm. I don't consider myself as a swordsman as well. I mean, what in the world am
I"

I could use magic, but I main in melee battles and swords.

"Hero or Savior?"

[Both of them aren't good ones huh]

Eleanor said while laughing out loud.

Those words were probably because she knows most of the heroes.

Well, that doesn't matter.

"Well then, let's start the test"

"Ah, yes. What do I need to do?"

"You only need to stand there"

"Eh?"

I smiled at Io who was confused, and activated the ability.

[Copy Plus]that I got from the fixed lottery.

"Copy Io's lightning magic powers"

[Lightning Magic Powers will be copied from Io Akos]

I designated the ability as Io's lightning magic powers.

The next instant, I felt my magic powers heightening.

"Move back"

"Yes"

Although tilting her head, Io moved back as she was told.

After seeing that, I chanted the lightning magic once again.

The magic powers that I gathered exploded.

The magic was blasted nearly double the range compared to earlier.

"Ama~zing~! Were you holding back earlier, Kakeru-san"

"No, it's not that"

I denied it, and looked straight to Io.

"It's my new ability. I could copy the ability of the person in front of me, and add it to myself. Right now, I copied your lightning magic powers"

"It was like that! Ah! That's why it's about double"

"That's right"

After thinking for a moment, I said to Io.

"Io, you use your magic too. I'll use it together. I want to check if it's really copying"

The one I got before was lending my ability, and while I'm lending the multiplier, I myself could not use the ability.

But this time, it's a "copy" not "lending".

That's why I thought that Io could also use her ability while I copy it.

"I got it"

Io nodded, readied her magic staff, and heightened her magic powers.

I did the same think.

I made eye contact with her, and after we nodded to each other, we shot out magic.

The lightning magic explodes, and the shards of Orycudite had scattered all over the place.

"Did Io shot at full strength?"

"Un! Just as usual"

"I see. It's really "copied" huh"

"Uwa......Kakeru-san's amazing. That just means, it became twice as strong"

"Well, yeah"

It looks like it's an ability that's more than I expected.

It's probably the higher class of the lending ability. The problem is that there's only one of it, but even so, its performance is good enough.

[It's an ability that is useless for you who is already strong from the start. Ones that has higher ability value than you, there are not a lot of those. Even if you copy and add the abilities of the humans weaker than you, it would be pointless. Also]

"Also?"

[Isn't that an ability that would show its best performance with an enemy stronger than you. Such an opponent......do they exist?]

".....well, it's not a minus ability so it's fine as well"

[That is true]

I felt Eleanor's presence shrugging her shoulders in my head.

It's true that it's powerful, but it doesn't make me explosively stronger.

I thought that it was a good ability at first, but hearing Eleanor's points, I felt that I got excited for nothing.

"Well then, let's go home. Thanks for keeping me company"

I said thanks to Io and took out the Warp Feather.

Well then, Fiona and the other girl's talk should be over by now.

[Ne~, ne~, Otou-san]

The instant before I warped, Hikari who was keeping herself quiet opened her mouth.

"What is it"

[Why are you not copying the strong Io-oneechan?]

"Strong Io?"

"What does she mean", I tilted my head.

[Un. It's Io-oneechan who became stronger with Otou-san's power?]

[.....after lending her your ability huh]

Eleanor said, and I realized as well.

"Io, stand there for a moment"

"Un!"

"Lend Io lightning magic powers"

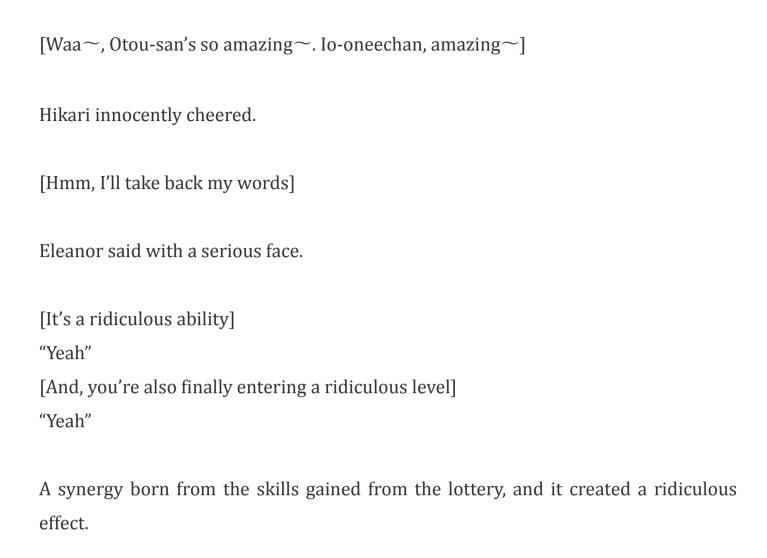
[Magic Powers of Lightning will be lent to Io Akos. Time Remaining: 4 minutes 59

seconds 1 "Copy Io's lightning magic powers" [Lightning Magic Powers will be copied from Io Akos] "Io, shoot with all of your powers" "Un!" Io heightens her magic powers, I also chanted the same spell. The two of us heightened our magic power. "Hundred Lightning!!" "Haaa!!" The magic exploded, the lightning magic multiplied 777 times with the two of us at the same time. Countless lightning fell down on the stone mountain. Explosion, ground shaking, and shockwave. After all of that ended——. "The mountain's.....gone" Io surprised.

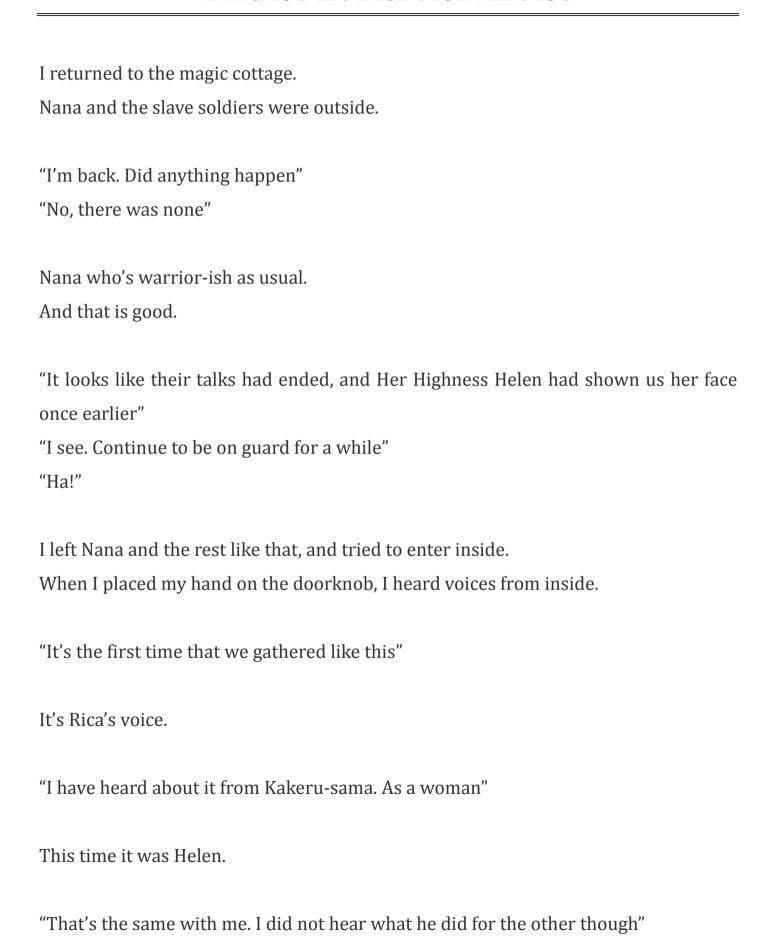
There's a hole that seemed to be opened by the magic hitting it. The stone mountain that was there just earlier disappeared completely.

And there, Orycuto regenerated.

It's good that he ran away, but it looks like he got caught by the x2 wide range magic. It rather seemed sorrowful because it regenerated due to its immortality.



CHAPTER 100 TAKING EVERYONE ALONG



This time it was Aura.

I heightened my hearing with my hand on the door knob.

It looks like only the three of them were in the living room of the cottage.

"You haven't heard anything at all?"

"I do not speak about things like that with Kakeru-sama. However, from the information that I have gained, I can roughly imagine what he is doing"

"That's the same with me"

"Likewise, the problem is....."

Leaving a breath, the three's voices overlapped.

"""How many percent of it is the truth"""

After their voice had overlapped, the three giggled with a laugh.

"I can grasp to some extent from the information that was officially announced and the information from spies and agents. What Kakeru-sama has done for us......around 50%"

"Likewise"

"About that much"

"And about that?"

"Not at all"

"I did not hear at all"

"Is that so..... Yes, that is right, Kakeru-sama is that kind of person"

"I think that I never saw him brag about anything"

"There is one thing though"

"Yes, there is one thing"

The three laughed again. Un? What's funny about that right now? Something that I bragged with? I don't have any clues about that. [You haven't noticed] "Do you know about it, Eleanor?" I asked Eleanor with a small voice. [Of course. All of your women has noticed it] Everyone? Is it that easy to tell?I don't get it. [Otou-san, Hikari knows] "Oh, what is it?" [Otou-san's getting along very well with Okaa-san. Everyone's saying it, the only one who could be with Otou-san is Okaa-san] "I see" I don't remember boasting about that at all. "You remembered what everyone said huh. Hikari's very bright" [Really] "Yeah, you're both lovely and smart. You should become a woman that surpasses Althea in the future" [Will Hikari become that pretty] "Yes, of course" [Yay~]

Hikari's happiness and excitement flows to me.

[.....]

For some reason, I could feel Eleanor rolling her eyes.

"What is it"

[Nothing]

She said that, but that feeling got stronger.

I don't get it at all, but it looks like she isn't planning on saying it.

And while we were like that, the conversation inside has paused, so I knocked and entered inside.

"Kakeru-sama"

Helen who was nearest to the door stood up.

Following her, Rica and Aura also stood up.

Helen and Aura are both wearing their princess' dress, and Rica was dressed in a queen's dress that is one rank up.

The three of them who I forcefully brought here by warping is (in some sense) in their casual wear.

"Have you finished talking"

"Yes, we have. Especially, Rica-sama and Aura-sama has given advice from their hearts"

"I just said usual things. Queen Rica has taught them the most"

"They were only things as a queen, and most of them are similar to what I taught them before"

Ahh, I brought them to Rica before huh.

Thinking about it, I brought Fiona and Marie to her to make them relieved.

"I see. Helen, Rica, Aura. Thank you"

When I said that, the three smiled.

Helen made a peaceful smile, Rica made a cheerful smile, and although she was trying to hide her expression, the corners of Aura's lips were raised.

The three of them are so cute. I should take good care of them later.

"Kakeru-sama"

"n?"

"About the soldiers"

Helen who was the first one to "return" said.

"Yeah"

"I have sent them to the designated place. They are disguised, and there are 1500 of them"

"I got it"

I looked at Aura.

"I have sent 1000 men, they are also from the regular army. Nominally, I have sent them to inspect Kakeru's territory. Ask Lanmari later and pick them up"

"Ahh, come to think of it, I asked Delfina to take care of the territory I got from Comotoria huh"

After the case with Aura, I received very large territory, but I left all of that to Delfina.

"I got it, I'll pick them up later"

Lastly, I looked at Rica.

"I will send 100 royal guards. 2000 people with ruffians as the core. Use the royal guards mostly to protect the two. They're all women so they can also take care of the two's needs"

"I get the royal guards, but why the ruffians?"

"They were left behind by the three eunuchs, they're guys who are strong, but not easy to command. I'll be very happy if Kakeru would "fix" them on the side"

"It's only on the side huh"

"I do not mind if you send them to the most dangerous battlefield and let them be annihilated"

"That's quite honest of you"

"They are the ones who are very useful for Kakeru right now"

I see.

In short, they're guys who're strong but doesn't matter whether they live or die. As she has said, they would be very useful.

I mean.

"You're really thinking of what I need as usual huh"

Rica who was intelligent from the first time we met. That has not changed right now. She is a step ahead compared to the other two when doing things for me.

"Actually, I wanted to go to the battlefield with Kakeru"

"With me?"

"That's right, I will become a subordinate below Kakeru's flag. The two of them probably thinks like that as well"

Rica mentioned them, and Helen and Aura nodded.
"Each of us leading soldiers below Kakeru's flag, and fight together. An overambitious dream. But, since I can't do that, I can only think of other things"
I see. It's true that that's impossible.
Mercouri Kingdom.
Calamba Kingdom.
Comtoria Kingdom.
Politically speaking, leading the head of the three kingdoms to war is impossible, and if we do that, it would systematically be an overkill. It's something that cannot be realized, so Rica described it as an overambitious dream. Both Helen and Aura made a similar face. They face showed that they were holding back their feelings with their reason. it's something that cannot be helped, huh.
"Yosh"
I stared straight to them.
"Disguise yourselves" """eh?""" "Nana"

I called out to outside the cottage.

Nana who's in her white knight armor entered.

"Did you call for me, Aruji"

"Reorganize the slave soldiers immediately, divide them into three"

"Ha!"

"And also, similar clothes with Delfina.....ah, no, I'll do that myself. You go and reorganize them. Can you do it?"

"Within half a day"

"Yosh"

When I nodded, Nana went out.

When I turned around, the Queen and Princesses has not yet regained themselves from their surprise.

I don't care anything about politics or system or whatever.

It's something that my woman wishes for, that's why I'll do it.

"What, you don't want to?"

I asked, and the three shook their head, they eyes shined with a feverish glow.

CHAPTER 101 KAKERU'S BLESSING

In a place a little far away from the town of Chigris, there is the fortress called Pishon. Several kilometers far away from that, we came to a place where we could see it.

"Aruji. 204 under Nana Kanou, preparations are completed" "Good job"

I turned around, and looked at the troops.

In front of the elite slave soldiers that Nana and I trained, there are three women standing with excitement.

Helen, Rica, Aura.

The three of them are wearing the same clothes as the slave soldiers, but they weren't mixed within.

Even if they are wearing the same clothes, they have an aura that cannot be hidden.

[Kakeru~]

This time, I heard a voice from above.

The two transparent maid ghosts landed.

It's Tanya and Peggy.

I let them go reconnaissance in the fortress.

"How was it?"

"They're on guard. Their numbers are....."

"531 people"

Peggy answered.

Is she taking distance from me because she's still afraid of me or is it just her strict personality. Peggy reported more specifically compared to Tanya.

[Right, right, there's 531 of them. About 2.5x of us huh] "Good job"

I praised the two. Tanya became happy honestly, Peggy made a complicated face.

[500 huh]

"It's just good enough"

[Even if you're alone that is]

"If it's like that, there's no meaning"

Just like I said to Eleanor, 500 people is "good enough" numbers.

Taking into account the fact that they're hiding inside the fortress, their numbers would only "make it difficult" for me.

However, it's not like that this time.

I turned around, and went to my three women.

"We're going to charge and steal Pishon's fortress. Are you ready?"

The three of them nodded at once.

"I'll lend you abilities. Is Helen fine with the dagger techniques like before?"

"Yes"

"What about Rica"

"I'm good at something like this"

She said that, and made a ball of fire.

It's weak and doesn't seem practical.

"Flame magic powers huh, I got it. What about Aura?"

"I learned something like this"

Aura said and pulled out one strand of hair. She then rubbed her hands together with it inside.

When she released her hand, it was cut into small pieces. As if it was placed in a mixer.

"Can you use it for attacking?"

"It's that kind of technique"

"Hmm. Then, try using it to me"

I said that and took distance from Aura.

"Is it okay?"

"Yeah"

I nodded casually.

Aura hesitated a little. She glanced at Helen and Rica on her sides.

The two nodded. As if two say "it's okay, just try it".

Aura got resolute, she clasped her hand with the hair strand that she cut with one hand this time, and threw it.

The hair flew while raising a sharp wind cutting sound.

This is bad!

That thought entered my mind for an instant.

I drew Eleanor.

Kikikikiii:—n!!!

There was a metallic sound, I received the hair attack with the whole blade.

It was an unexpected attacking power.

[It's because you're letting your guard down.....what's with that grinning face] It's because it's fun. I got cold sweat for an instant but that made me happy instead. "You're quite good, Aura" "Is that so?" Aura as dissatisfied like her words say. "I'll strengthen that. On what laws do you do that? Is it using magic powers? Is it some kind of life energy?" "It's a practical technique using wind magic and recovery magic" "Recovery? I see" I don't really get it, but knowing that is enough. "Yosh, let's go then. First, for warming up, let's take that fortress" The three nodded, their faces show excitement. "Lend dagger techniques to Helen Teresia Mercouri" The Dagger Techniques will be lent to Helen Teresia Mercouri. Time Remaining: 2 minutes 59 seconds "Lend flame magic powers to Rica Calamba" [Flame Magic Powers will be lent to Rica Calamba. Time Remaining: 2 minutes 59]

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"Lend wind magic powers to Aura Torideca Comotoria"

[Wind Magic Powers will be lent to Aura Torideca Comotoria. 2 minutes 59 seconds]

"Lend recovery magic powers to Aura Torideca Comotoria"

[Recovery Magic Powers will be lent to Aura Torideca Comotoria. 2 minutes 59 seconds]

I used the lending ability that I got from the limited lottery.

There's a lot of second prizes that I got during the double chance period, so I used those to the three.

"Eh?! What's this"

"I feel a.....surge of power?"

Rica and Aura got confused.

"The two of you, use your powers once again. It must become very different compared to before"

Helen who has experience said to the two.

Rica used flame magic.

A ball of flame appeared, it was far larger than the one earlier, it was like a small sun with flares rising.

Aura also threw her hair once again.

BUOOON!!, it with such a stunning sound, and my hand that holds Eleanor got a little numb when I received it.

"It is Kakeru-sama's power. He lent them to the two of you. Right now, you are in the state of receiving Kakeru-sama's blessings"

"Kakeru's....."

"Blessings....."

The two mumbled. Their looks towards me were more and more feverish.

Taking those girls, we charged to Pishon Fortress.

Raising shouts, we charged.

They counterattack, arrows fell down like it rained.

I swung Eleanor blocking the arrows.

I stole a glance to the three.

Helen who had some experience was calm and blocks the arrows with her dagger.

Rica melted the arrows using her flame magic.

Aura who defended using her hair wasn't able to block all of it and received one arrow.

"A-re? I don't have wounds....."

Aura thought strangely but immediately got convinced.

"I see, this is also part of the blessings"

She said and got convinced.

More specifically, it's me but not me at the same time.

The reason why Aura didn't get injured was because of Melissa that is full of stamina, hidden within the slave soldiers with the powers I lent to her using the first prize that would last for an hour.

The Immortal Saint Melissa multiplied 777 times with what I lent.

[How overprotective]

Say anything you want.

I ignored Eleanor's teasing.

Making them participate all that they want is what is important.

The fortress fell without lasting an hour.



CHAPTER 102

BETRAYAL

Inside the fortress, I walked around without a particular place to go.

"Kakeru"

A woman with the looks of a slave soldier came to me.

It's an unfamiliar face.

She stood in front of me and chanted magic.

Her face changed. It was a disguise magic.

After the disguise was taken off, there was Melissa's face.

Immortal Saint Melissa. She who has a high status even in the Solon Church is wearing the same clothes with the slave soldiers.

"We're you alright?"

"Un, I'm fine! Rather, I feel better than usual"

"Is that so?"

"I didn't get injured at all after all, it's all thanks to Kakeru"

"Rica got hit directly by magic though?"

"That was just like receiving a flick of a finger"

"As expected of you huh"

"And so, what am I going to do now? Am I going to silently return to the first platoon again?"

I asked Melissa to secretly go to the first platoon.

It's that first platoon that might throw their lives away for me.

Until I retrain them, I'm secretly letting Melissa go with them.

"No, can you go with Helen and the others for a while"

"Would you like me to protect everyone?"

"If it's like that, wouldn't it be a huge burden on you?"

"It's alright, it's alright. Also, I want to do something for Kakeru"

I looked at Melissa, her face was very lively.

Originally, she had a very open personality, but recently, she had changed again.

I can receive an image of her, as if she's a young girl of age, far away to that of a Saint.

"Is it really alright? That would be very different you know. Compared to Helen, the others, and the first platoon"

"I'll protect the queen and princesses completely and only protect the slave soldiers on mortal wounds right"

"Yeah"

In some meaning, it's the slave soldiers who are completely protected though.

"I trust your powers. Even if 20 became 213, there's not much difference" "Kakeru....."

Melissa got happy with a red face.

"But, if you're going to do separate things, it would be different. It's like doing something with all that you have and holding back at the same time. From how I see it, it's as difficult as like making a square with the left hand and making a circle with the right hand"

"Ah! Kakeru, that example is good"

Melissa was impressed.

I mean, it really has that much difficulty huh.

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"It's mostly like that. But it's alright, I won't push myself so"

"Hmm. Alright, I'll count on you then"

"Un!"

"I'll take care of you a lot after all ends"

".....un!"
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Melissa left after using the disguise magic.

[She had completely become a maiden]

"I agree. Her impression has changed a lot"

[I like the Saint-dono from before though]

"He~? That's unexpected"

[That one has larger gaps in heart to exploit]

"Kukuku", Eleanor laughed. I flicked her using a finger.

"Were the guys up until now like that too?"

[Umu. Especially those kind of humans called Heroes. Their hearts are overflowing with light, but all of them has condensed darkness deep within. Those were delicious]

"Kukuku", she laughed again.

"What a bad taste!"

[In that meaning, you are very boring. What's the problem with you? Having that much powers but all you are interested in is to make a harem and embrace women. You should create more darkness. You're not worth taking over]

"What selfish words"

I walked around inside the fortress.

Under Nana's command, the enemy soldiers who surrendered were dealt with, and the seizure process advanced.

"Kakeru-sama"

I heard a gentle voice.

I turned around and Helen was there.

Helen who was wearing light clothes for easier fighting was a little different from her usual image and it was lovely as well.

"What happened"

"There is a messenger there right now. Saying that they are under Delfina"

"Delfina?"

"Why in this place?" I thought.

"I got it, I'll meet them"

I followed Helen.

We returned around the entrance of the fortress, there was one man there and two slave soldiers being on guard.

The two of them are girls from the first platoon. "Good job", I said, and asked them to leave after kissing them.

I turned to the man.

"Delfina's subordinate huh"

"Yes. I am called Adonis"

"What did you came for?"

"I have a message from Delfina-sama——"Theo has betrayed""

He said that and passed me one envelope.

".....tell Delfina I got it"



In the fortress inside the most solid building.

Inside the commander's room, I called Nana.

The envelope I got from Delfina——I showed her the proofs that Theo has betrayed.

There are two papers, one is Delfina's letter explaining the situation.

The other one is Theo's written letter for the barbarian army.

The contents says——he shall soon find the two princesses and take their heads.

"Theo Customas. To think that he'd betray us"

"Yeah, it is unexpected. He reorganized the Siracuza remnant army at that time so I thought that he was someone who would die fighting until the end"

"I also thought as well"

"There shouldn't be any merit in the remnant army at that time. Meaning, he is innocent at that time"

"That means, it was after that when he betrayed.it probably means, the barbarian army who knew Aruji's threat started to break the army down from the inside"

"I see"

Nana's analysis is convincing.

The barbarian army used a roundabout hand against the Siracuza Army that has revived momentum with my participation.

"Thinking about it right now, there are some clues. The night attack before, we were attacked easily, and the guys that were with him got easily lost"

".....that is true" Nana heavily nodded. "There is [The status of the Duke is promised] in the end of the letter.....this must be the deciding factor" "Duke huh" "He must have been promised wealth rank and arrogant splendor. However, I wonder if this letter is really true" Nana said while staring at Theo's letter. "There is no way that Delfina would lie to me. It would be either it's true, or Delfina is being deceived" "There is no way that that woman would get deceived" Nana said asserted. "Her eyes that distinguish the truth and lies in information should be the best. If not, she would not be able to earn that much" "I agree" It means that this letter is the truth. It's an information Delfina got in some kind of way. ".....Aruji, command me"



"Command?"

"I cannot forgive that guy who tricked Aruji. I shall bring his head here within four and a half days"

Nana said with slight resentment.

Thinking about her being a calm, cool, and collected martial artist usually, it could be said that she is very enraged.

"No, it's fine"

"You will forgive him"

"It's not that. I want you to protect this fortress. You're the only one that I can leave the soldiers to"

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Nana made a complicated face.

"I'll leave it to you, alright"

"Understood"

I kissed Nana who nodded.

Nana got dumbfounded.

"Thanks for getting angry. I'll take those feelings well"

I took out the warp feather.

"I am going to punish him directly with my hands"

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In the town of Chigris, in the lord's manor.

Coming here, I was immediately passed through where Theo is.

"Ohh, Baron-sama, I have searched for you"

"For me?"

"Correct. Actually, I have finished reorganizing the soldiers. We shall counterattack very soon, but before that, I wish to ask Her Highness the Princesses for encouragement"

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"After all, we are a remnant army, and the reorganized soldiers do not know the faces of our future ruler. So there, I wish Her Highnesses to encourage them in person. If so, the morale shall raise, and our victory would be without doubt"

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"Where is Her Highnesses"

"Before that, I want to ask something"

"What is it"

"About this"

I showed the letter to Theo. It's the letter Delfina got.

The instant he saw that.

"W-Where did you get——"

[It's like confessing his crimes]

"Kukuku", Eleanor laughed.

It's annoying because she's having more fun than usual.

"N-No, please wait, that is a misunderstanding"

"Misunderstanding?"

"Right, a misunderstanding. That's right, I am just pretending to stick with them. They might give opportunities if I act as if I am their insider after all"

"How many soldiers did you sacrifice for that then?"

"Uu!"

Theo lost his words.

And, gradually changed his expression.

From panicking to anger.

He started to glare at me and finally began to laugh as if to ridicule.

"Fu. fufufufufu"

"What is funny"

"My plans have were upset due to unexpected things, but whatever. If you came here by yourself, then that is fine by itself"

"What did you say?"

"I am saying that as long as you bastard die, everything shall go well!"

The instant Theo said that, a magic circle spread under my feet.

A purity that would absorb all light, a black magic circle.

That spreads out and envelops my body.

"Goodbye. Shall you wander in the emptiness space through your whole life"

Seeing Theo's victorious face at the end, I was enveloped by pure darkness.

A space where nothing exists.

There is no up or bottom, right or left, a space where cannot even tell if I am lying down or floating.

[We got beat]

"What the heck is this"

[It is a type of Cursed Spell. It was mainly used for executions]

"Executions?"

[This itself does not have harm. It only isolates what it caught. However, you cannot escape as long as you're alive. And after those who got captured dies of hunger of insanity, the space would be released. It is a convenient spell that would catch the target when activated and spit out the target's corpse afterwards"

"That's nasty"

[He probably planned on using this to Fiona and Marie. As long as they get captured, he would be able to obtain their corpses for sure after all]

"I see now. And so? What should I do to get out of here"

[You can get out of it if you die]

"What about a way without dying"

[There's none]

"Stop lying. If it's really like that, there's no way that you'd be calm being unable to meet Hikari anymore"

[That's a fine spot you pin pointed]

"Whatever, say it to me"

[Haa \sim Would you understand if I say that this whole area itself is a wall?]

"The whole area is a wall?"

What I can feel is a space of darkness where nothing exists.

All of that is a "wall" huh.

If so——I gripped Eleanor.

"I only need to hit it with using full strength huh"

[Exactly]

Eleanor answered, she seemed somewhat happy.

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"Let's go. U00000!!!"
With full strength—with my full strength more than that when the time I defeated
the Red Dragon, I swung Eleanor.
Powers multiplied 777 times, an attack with additional 100%.
The darkness——it broke.
"What!!"
I saw Theo's surprised face.
"R-Ridiculous! There's no way that a human can survive that!!"
".....do you have some final words?"
While gripping Eleanor, I approached Theo.
"W-Wait, please. Listen to me——y-you'd understand I promise"
"Talk"
I listened with a cool head.
"I know. Let's ask the other side. I'll make it that you'll become a Marquis from a Baron.
I can do it I promise, that's why, you understand right"
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"D-Do you want money. I-I got it, I'll give you gold coins in——"
"Fuu"
"I know, it's territory right! I'll negotiate, I-I'll make sure it's in the center——"
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"Enough"

I swung Eleanor horizontally. Theo's head flew.

Leaving a breath's time, "Goron", a voice sounded, blood splashed out of his severed neck, and fell down.

[How kind of you huh]

"He isn't worth hurting"

[Kukuku, that's also true]

Eleanor laughed joyfully.

This girl, she's enjoying all day. I got a little annoyed.

But, with this.

This time for sure, Siracuza's counterattack shall begin.

CHAPTER 103

Ten Thousand Men General, Tanashi

"U0000000!!"
Blood cloud dances.
In the center of the battlefield that the both army clashes.
Blood and parts of that were once a human scattered around me.
Clad with the dark aura, I swing the two Demon Swords.
"I-It's the Demon Sword Wielder"
"Hiiiiiii!!!!"
The pressure at the beginning disappeared without any trace,
Most of the enemy soldiers in front of me ran away almost collapsing.
"Tanya, Peggy"
[I'm here∼]
[Yes]
Since I became free, I called the bright and shy maid ghost pair.
"What's the situation?"
The two flew up above and looked far away while they placed a hand on their forehead
[The enemy in the left side's retreating \sim]
"As expected of Nana huh"
[T-The right side is lightly at an advantage. Ah! Rica-sama and Io-san started chanting

"If so, it's only a matter of time"

While holding the Demon Swords, I organized the situation.

It is a place named Yalcon near Chigris.

The reason why this place that only looks like a barren land from the sky had a name is because it is an ancient battlefield where big battles have been held since a long time ago.

In that place, we clashed with the barbarian army head-on.

Our side's military force is 4700, 4500 reinforcements from 3 kingdoms and 200 slave soldiers. By the way, I left the royal guards to protect Fiona and Marie.

The barbarian army has 5000, we are almost equal just looking at the numbers.

[However, when you said that formation, I thought that you became crazy]

"About the Kakuyoku formation(V-shaped formation)?"

[I do not know that name, but, however you look at it, it is a formation used to surround small forces]

[We almost have the same number as them after all]

Hikari also participated in the conversation.

[I thought that you became crazy]

"Don't say it twice.it was the right decision right?"

[It is not something that anyone else other than you can do though]

When we formed our battle formations, we divided the soldiers like this.

Left side, the Kingdom's 2000 coalition soldiers led by Nana Kanou.

Right side, the Kingdom's 2500 coalition soldiers led by the 3 princesses.

In the middle, me and the 200 slave soldiers.

We divided the soldiers extremely to the sides, and by me rampaging in the middle, the Kakuyoku formation showed results.

In fact, I made the enemy's main army that is 10 times of us in the middle retreat, and the sides started to gradually surround the enemy army.

[I have already stopped being surprised at each and every action you take but, I wonder what the historians in the future say?]

"What do you mean by what?"

[History is made by the winner]

"Those are words heard frequently"

[With you doing too much, it would be written in the history of the winner with exaggerations]

"Ahh, you meant it like that huh"

[Most of the history books have written exaggerations, but in your case, exaggerating it might become on a mythological level]

That sounds good in itself too.

"Your Excellency"

I was called from behind.

It's the first platoon captain, Nikki.

"What happened?"

"We have finished preparing for a pursuit attack"

"Pursuit attack huh"

I looked at the soldiers in front of us.

Their formation collapsed and started to rout.

It will be decided easily if we launch a pursuit attack now.

"Let me see. How much is our casualty?"

"Each platoon, the use rate of the magic balls exceeds 50%"

"50%. Of all huh"

"That is correct"

Nikki answered after she staggered for an instant.

She probably remembered when I got angry because they were the only ones who have too many casualties before.

Even so, 50% huh.

Should we stop the pursuit attack?

It at that time when I thought of that.

"Your Excellency!"

Nikki shouted. Her eyes widened and stared ahead.

I followed her vision——blood cloud is dancing.

Something's coming from the further back of the enemy soldiers running away.

It is heading here while slashing off the soldiers.

"Step back.....you'll be on the way"

"Ha!"

Nikki obeyed and fell back.

From the presence from behind, I understood that the slave soldiers were taking distance.

And, that guy appeared.

It is a thin man casually walking through the garden of fresh blood that he forcefully made.

A thin man that seems to have a weak constitution, or maybe cursed by something. Is his weapon some kind of a magic sword? Its blade is thin and shimmered with light. He swung that and cut the running away enemy soldier into two.

"Ohh, reallyy. What useless weaklingss"

The man said with a gay man(?)'s tone and casually walked towards me.

"You're the Demon Sword Wielder?"

"You are?"

"I'm the Banko Shōgun, Tanashi Ariadone. Nice to meet you~"

"Banko?"

"It means the status of being able to have ten thousand subordinates. It's amazing you knoww, there's only 2 in our country after all"

[It means that he's a heavyweight huh]

I made a small nod to Eleanor's words.

"And why the heck is that Ten Thousand Men General cutting his own soldiers?" "After all —, such weaklings, you don't need them right? Such weaklings that run away when in front of an enemy. Soldiers must clash like soldiers"

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"They ran away in the presence of an enemy, so I executed them. It's logical right?"

".....who knows"

I really don't know.

I don't understand what he wants to say, but he's annoying.

"On that point, you are good. Your soldiers are also good \sim Ne \sim , those girls, give them to me \sim "

I felt the presence of the slave soldiers from behind getting disturbed.

"I refuse. They are mine" "Then, I'll defeat you and get those girls~" Tanashi readied his magic sword. He walked to me casually. I reacted and held Eleanor and Hikari——. "You're on the way" spear.

In front of Tanashi, a relatively light injured soldier stood up and tried to raise his

Tanashi cut him off. He cut him off into two.

"" "Let's goo∼"

He raised a high pitched voice and charged.

From his movements, he isn't something simple.

Those blood clouds that he made when he cut the enemy soldiers too, he might be the strongest opponent that I will fight up until now.

[Equal to that Nana-jou, or maybe even stronger]

Eleanor analyzed with composure.

It's pretty much like that.

But, his personality is trash that can't be compared.

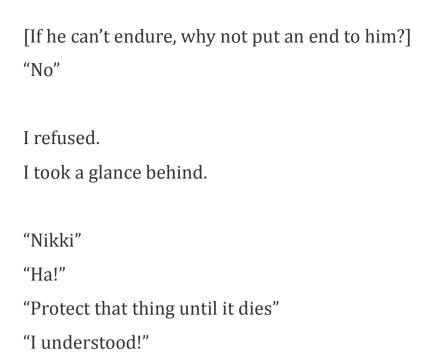
"Nikki"

"Ha! Your Excellency"

Being called, Nikki stepped forward.

"I'll borrow your strength" "Please tell" "Lend Nikki speed" [Speed will be lent to Nikki Cephalis. Remaining Time: 29 seconds] "Activate Copy Plus, copy Nikki's speed" [Speed shall be copied from Nikki Cephalis] The merchandise from the Lottery, the lending and copy plus combination. The instant it worked, I felt that power raised all over my body. I clad myself with the dark aura and swung the two Demon Swords. *ZaZaZaZa* Zangeki Shiren(Four slashing attacks) I cut off Tanashi's limbs who charged. "Araa~?" He did not understand what happened to himself and blown away backward with a flat voice. *Dosa!* I heard the sound of the chunk of meat falling to the ground. "W-What the heck is thisss, whaaaaattt \sim "

I heard a scream, Tanashi's high pitched——scream that is disgusting to hear.



Nikki saluted. The 200 slave soldiers surrounded Tanashi who is on the ground. Nikki who understood my command 'correctly' watched the end of Tanashi properly.

CHAPTER 104 SLY MAN, WILY MAN

Ahead of Yalcon, there is the town called Yufrates.

The barbarian army that lost the Ten Thousand Men General Tanashi in the battlefield was greatly shaken.

It just means that he was such a huge existence.

When I reorganized the remaining troops and advanced up to Yufrates, the man who named himself as the vice-general sent an envoy and offered a surrender in return for the guarantee of his life.

I accepted it.



In the town of Yufrates.

It is the most developed town in Siracuza's territory and a town that has been prosperous in commerce and culture for a very long time.

Most of the merchants make their footholds here, and many cultured people also live here.

It is that kind of town.

We leisurely entered that Yufrates.

A large palanquin entered the town while protected by soldiers.

Described with a few words, that is something like a king-sized bed with a roof.

Its size is that of a bed but it is made as a sofa. Fiona and Marie are riding that.

Ten soldiers carry that in each direction in a total of 40 men.

At first, I thought of making the two ride a carriage, but Aura softly rejected it. It is Aura who is "a royalty closer to the people" than Helen and Rica.

"This is more like a royalty"

She said.

It is an idea that would not come from Rica who was mostly confined in the past and Helen whose talents are concentrated to the military.

Of course, I don't as well but, I can understand.

Being carried by people is more prestigious than being carried by wheels.

That's why I did that.

Fiona and Marie who are riding that palanquin is wearing clothes for royalties.

They really seemed like it adding it with the palanquin.

"I-I'm so nervous"

"Onee-chan, get a hold of yourself"

Fiona had a very nervous expression like she reported herself.

Marie who encourages her but actually nervous at the same level.

They look fine when far away but faults might be seen when near.

That palanquin that carries the two entered the town and slowly advanced through the main street.

The citizen of Yufrates gathered at the street sides and welcomed them with cheers.

It's the same at the time in Chigris.

The citizens are happy that people of Siracuza have returned, they are glad that the royalties returned.

I thought of why at that time, but seeing Tanashi, I understood.

The barbarian army, they have yet to capture the hearts of the people.

Probably, they have complaints.

And that turns and turns, becoming the welcome to the Siracuza related Fiona-sisters.

However, that welcome, it became pressure for Fiona and Marie.

"Fiona-sama banzai!"

"Marie-sama banzai!!"

Voices that commend the two could be heard from here and there.

And with that, it resulted to the two becoming little because of nervousness.

I walked at the side of the palanquin and looked up to the two, then said.

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"Fiona, Marie. You can take it easy"
"Kakeru-san....."
"Whatever happens, I'm with you"
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Fiona had a stunned face.

"Onee-chan, get a hold of yourself"

Marie said exactly the same words as earlier, but, the tone of her voice is different.

What's there was not nervousness but excitement?

It was not licking each other's wounds, it is a strong tone that encourages her big sister.

"We shouldn't put shame for Kakeru-san. Look, everyone's looking"

Marie said that, and looked at the other side of the palanquin.

I thought that "everyone" is about the citizen, but what Marie looked at was not that.

It's Helen, Rica, and Aura who are walking beside the palanquin.

The head of three countries, the disguised girls who are marching beside my unit.

Marie says while staring at them.

"If we become timid and uncomely here, they'll get disappointed"
".....that is right, huh. Un, we shouldn't behave strangely huh"
"Un!"

Fiona regained herself and Marie nodded clearly to her big sister's reply.

I don't know why Helen, Rica, and Aura has something to do with that right now.

[You're really loved huh]

Eleanor said. It's with a half-teasing tone.

"What do you mean?"

[Those girls, Helen, Rica, and Aura, they are people who fulfill their jobs properly as royalty. At the same time, they behave so, that they would not put shame as your woman]

"I guess so"

I somehow felt it like that.

I feel like they're trying to do their best both at public and private.

[The sisters, they just said that they must not lose against them. A royalty but your woman as well. Their target of comparison is those three]

"Ahh, I see"

I got convinced.

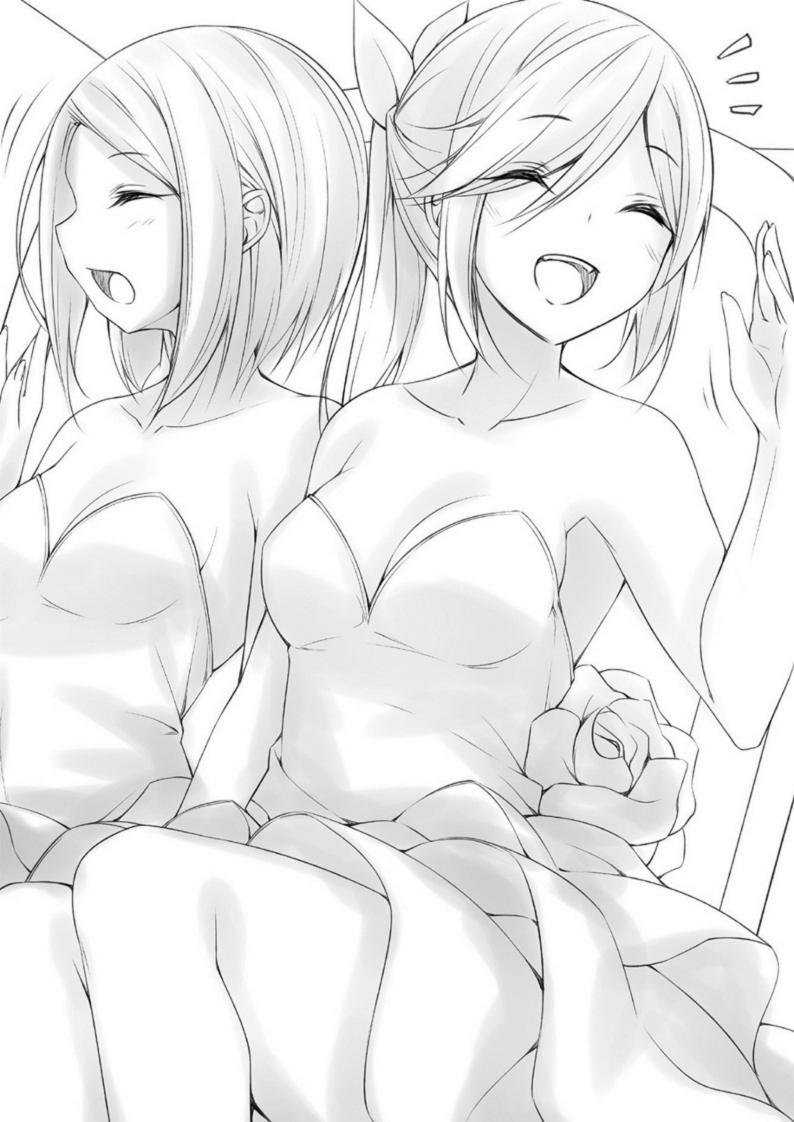
It's true that Fiona and Marie's position is exactly that of the three.

It is normal to compare their selves to them.

Honestly, I don't really care about that, either way, Fiona and Marie are my women.

However, while this and that happened, the two calmed down.

On the palanquin, the started to act like royalty, not losing to their clothes.



"If so, then that is good as well", I thought.

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Traditionally, the king of Siracuza places their palace on the north side and the queen's palace on the south side.

The royal capital is exactly thrat.

Then, what if it's with a queen——I entered a mansion on the north side of Yufrates.

There is an audience hall that is made quickly in that mansion and Fiona and Marie lined up their throne.

Fiona on the left and Marie on the right.

I stood diagonally to the two——the so-called ministerial position.

"I am called Murato Feris. I am honored to be at the presence of Your Highnesses"

A man wearing armor kneeled and greeted the two.

"It is an honor as well to meet Yuuki, His Excellency"

The Siracuza Baron greeted me as well.

"Are you the one in charge of this town?"

Fiona asked Murato with a frank tone.

"No, the one in charge, it is the Ten Thousand Men General——oh, it is Tanashi who governed Yufrates. I am his aide. So, well, I am the one in charge but I was not just a while ago"

"Aide?"

Marie tilted her head.

Murato started his supplementary explanation in a hurry.

"Yes. Well, that guy was a terrible guy. I tried to stop him many times, but he is not someone who would listen to other people. He is really acting without consultation, everything was done by that man, yes"

Murato spoke very quickly from the beginning.

His mouth had foams and spat saliva while talking.

He is a disgusting guy in a lot of meaning.

[Kukuku, he is avoiding the responsibility at all costs]

At the same time, he's seeking favor from Fiona and Marie.

Well, I understand. I understand wanting to do that.

He's really "that" as a human, but I'll ignore it for now.

Compared to guys like Theo who you wouldn't know when he's going to betray, guys like this are easier to control.

If he's seeking a big tree, we only need to be one.

[You're saying better words now huh]

I'm not saying it though.

I continued talking to Eleanor inside my mind.

While that happened, Murato continued his fawning.

"So, it is not like that, please leave Hidekel to me. The guy in there is an acquaintance for a very long time, so if I persuade"

"Hidekel?"

I got between his words.

"It is the name of the fortress west of Yalcon. It is in between Chigris and Yufrates. Originally, it is a place that is good for watching enemies, but right now, it is isolated instead"

"I see"

The sphere of influence was severed thanks to the entry to Yufrates huh.

"That is why, with a light~ persuasion"

I really hear it lightly the way he said it.

"Persuasion huh~"

"What do you think, Onee-chan"

The two thought of it deeply, and the result of that, they looked at me asking for help. I did a light cough and said.

"As Your Majesties wish"

I stared at the two while I said that.

I implicitly said that "do what you want, I'll take care of it if anything happens".

And that.....they understood it correctly.

Fiona and Marie looked at Murato.

"Well then, can you persuade them"

"Please leave it to me!"

Murato said while he pounded his chest.

A face full of smiles, joy from being appointed an important position by the Queen huh.

"If it fails, Kakeru-san, please"

With Marie's additional words, his shoulders dropped that even I pitied him a bit.



I left the audience hall and walked through a corridor.

I left to Nana guarding Fiona and Marie.

And when I was walking through the corridor like that, one woman came, guided by a servant.

A black silk hat and a dress that shows a lot of back skin.

A woman who naturally releases a different kind of sexiness from the noble and royalty's elegance.

Delfina Homers Lanmari.

A female merchant who is said to have wealth equal to that of a country.

"It has been a long time, Kakeru-sama"

"Yeah"

We stopped and Delfina and I talked.

The servant that guided her silently walked to the wall side, taking distance to not be on our way.

"You came"

"Yes, just now"

"How was it? Did you earn a lot?"

"Yes, very much"

Delfina smiled gracefully.

"I see, good for you then"

I said that and put a hand around Delfina's waist.

It was a movement without warning, unable to react, she landed within my arms.

And after that——I kissed her.

I sucked her sweet smelling lips.

I enjoyed her lips, unlike how she looks, she becomes just a girl the instant she enters my arms.

After enjoying that leisurely, I released here.

".....what is it so suddenly?"

"You earned a lot right? It's all thanks to me. It's my share"

"What a wily man"

Delfina made a sulking face. I already released her from my arms but she is still lovely. Cute rather than pretty.

She took a breath and made a serious face.

Then, she told me.

"Kakeru-sama. I wish to receive permission"

"What, permission?"

"Actually, I am thinking of profiting from selling information, not just supplies"

"Information?"

What information?

I thought about Theo for an instant and my eyebrows moved.

"Please do not misunderstand, What I wish to sell is Kakeru-sama's information and the Demon Sword's information. About the real Demon Sword, about the Demon



I ignored Eleanor's teasing words just as usual.

And, I started walking with my hand around Delfina.

Delfina and the servant that guided her got surprised.

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"Kakeru-sama?"
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"Do you have plans after this?"

"Greetings for Her Majesties——"

"Then, go with me"

It's alright if it's Fiona and Marie if I told them later.

And just like that, I pulled Delfina to the nearest room.

There's a bed inside. Bingo.

I pulled her inside, and the servant closed the door in a panic.

And, I kissed her.

The second kiss for the day.

Delfina was quick to match the movement of our mouth and tongue.

After kissing for a while, I released her.

She had a far more feverish face compared to earlier.

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"What is it so suddenly?"
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"I'll take my share"

"Eh? Did you not want it"

"I didn't say I don't want anything"

"T-That is true....."

"You don't want to?"

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Delfina made a sulking face.

".....what a wily man"

I embraced Delfina.

I poured the accumulated fervor that I got from the battle earlier into her.

"What a terrible man....."

It became late in the night and she whispered exhaustingly.

As I've thought, Delfina is ridiculously cute in times like this.

CHAPTER 105 GREAT GENERAL KAKERU

Inside a room during the night.

It only looks like a normal room with a glance, but it has a significant characteristic.

There is a wide table in the middle of the room, and there are lots of sand on top of the table.

It is not an ordinary table or sand, it is a kind of magic item in this world.

It is an excellent item that when activated using magic powers, the sand will absorb the magic powers and create a three-dimensional map.

And the ones surrounding that is me, Nana and Helen.

The General-type Nana and the Strategist · Advisor-type Helen.

I heard the route where our army would advance from now on from these two.

And then, Helen sent her magic powers to the sand table and made a map.

"This is Yufrates where we are right now, and onwards, there are the four towns, Gariraya, Kirenect, Genesare, and Tiberia. These four towns should be the next ones we should capture"

"What's the order of priority?"

Lasked Helen.

"There is not much difference except Genesare. Breaking through either of them, we can reach the previous Siracuza capital......it is now named Adoa right now, but we can go there with a straight line"

"What kind of place is Genesare?"

"It is made to glare over the road that leads to the royal capital. It is a place that if there is a decent amount of soldiers and knowledgeable talent, it can turn into a fortress for both offense and defense"

"If so, shouldn't we start from capturing that?"

From how I hear it, I feel like we might get attacked from behind if we leave it alone.

"No, it should be enough leaving one unit of troops close there. It is alright to capture it, but there will be more damage to the opponent if we let them use it half-bakedly. Just like a poison that slowly kills them"

"I see"

"I recommend sending Nana-san there"

"Me?"

"Yes, there is only Kakeru-sama and Nana-san who could keep Genesare neither dead or alive that they could not retreat nor advance"

".....I see"

I understood what Helen is trying to say.

"You mean, hold back on them at full strength right?"

"Yes"

"We'll capture the other three towns while Nana's pinning Genesare?"

"No, if possible, up to Adoa"

"We'll go up to there at once?"

"Yes. And while we do that, we should let the enemy soldiers escape to Genesare"

".....maintain their half-dead-half-alive situation, huh"

"Exactly"

Helen and Nana stared at each other.

The two who were once enemies with the regular army and rebel army.

It's interesting that they're facing each other like allies just like this.

"So, it is only you or Kakeru-sama"

"Understood. I will answer with all that I have if you entrust it to me"

This was not lines towards Helen, but to me.

Nana is a modest woman in a sense.

She will obey all of my orders, but she won't ask something from herself.

She wouldn't even ask for orders as well.

[This is aggressive enough for her]

Eleanor said. I also think so.

She won't say "please let me do it", but she's almost saying the same thing.

I haven't experienced this that much, so I feel a little refreshed.

I asked Helen after thinking for a while.

"Is there a way to rout the enemy towards Genesare for sure?"

"There are some. We can intentionally weaken our encirclement to Genesare's direction, we can spread rumors about the battle in Genesare being at an advantage for them, we can incite the commander in Genesare. There are those"

"I see, ahh, I won't ask about the details"

Helen made a surprised but lonely face.

Her face is saying "You won't ask?".

"I'll leave all of it to you two. Do it well"

"Yes!"

"As you wish"

"Use me like you want too. I don't mind if you make me run to here and there as a pawn"

"Yes"

Helen smiled elegantly and nodded.

I saw that face of hers more beautiful compared to the time when we first met, when she went down from her carriage.

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"Kakeru-sama?"

"No, I just got mesmerized by you"

"That is....."
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Helen became red like an apple.

Un, she's really more beautiful compared to that time.

"Helen-denka is beautiful"

Nana said from the side.

She had a casual but a face that says that seriously.

"From my eyes as well, you are enviously beautiful"

"Nana's beautiful too you know"

"Thank you for the words——"

"I'm not saying it as flattery. You are the most beautiful in a battlefield"

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Nana got stunned. She had a face that she did not think she would be told something like that.

"I also think so"

Helen agreed. It's the same with Nana earlier.

"Nana-san's white armor stands out in the battlefield, and after that, it brings upon

relief and trust as well. You are the one who killed the enemies the most, but you have the least amount of blood on yourself"

"Yeah, I thought of that too. At first, I thought that it was that kind of armor, but fighting together, I found out that it wasn't. It is being fended off, it cannot follow your own movements in the first place"

That's right, Nana moves with the vigor that she would fend off the spurts of blood in the battlefield.

The reason why she has more moves than me, is probably because of that.

"To think that.....I was thought of such"

"I thought of it ever since"

"I see, it was the same with me too huh"

Helen and Nana stared at each other and finally made a smile.

The two's appearance of mutually recognizing each other was beautiful and blinding even more so.

I was called by Fiona, and I came to her room.

Is it because it's inside her room? Fiona welcomed me with the same clothes when she was still just a poster girl.

"Sorry, Kakeru-san. Calling you so suddenly"

"No, it's fine. I heard that you want to discuss something with me, what is it?"

"I want to ask Kakeru-san something"

"Say it"

"Will you please become a Great General?"

".....ha?"

I got dumbfounded, Great General?

"What's that?"

"It's literally how it says. The person with the highest position that commands the Siracuza Army"

"I don't mind being it, but why?"

"I wondered"

Fiona said that and made a serious face.

"I have thought for so long, "what should I do in this war as a queen". I felt like only being a symbolic existence is not enough. Up until now, Kakeru-san have carried us.....anyways, I wanted to do something"

"Hmm"

"That's why, when I heard that Kakeru-san is being rumored in the enemy side recently"

It's probably the rumors Delfina spread.

About the Demon Sword Wielder and the two Demon Swords.

"I heard that they are afraid of that, so I thought, that should be strengthened, and"

"There's where the Great General comes huh"

"Un. I heard many things from many people. I heard that Marie and I can appoint someone freely"

"Well, you're Queens after all"

Of course, they can do what they want.

"So, it's like that.....what do you think?"

I stared at Fiona. To think that she was thinking of that. ".....you, cant?" Fiona became crestfallen. It looks like she misunderstood my silence. "It's not that, I just got charmed" "Eh?" "I thought you became beautiful with the characteristics of a Queen" "Fueeee!!" "That way of getting surprised isn't like a queen though" I poked her cheek and teased her. "Hey, don't say weird things" "Fu, sorry sorry" I looked at Fiona once again, and at the same time, I remembered Helen and Nana. "I got it, I'll become a Great General" Really, there's a lot of good women around me.

CHAPTER 106 Five Tiger Generals

I left Fiona's room and walked through the corridor.

I thought while I placed a hand on my chin, and whispered to myself.

"Great General huh, I wonder which Great General it is"

[Umu? What are you talking about?]

"If it is the words "Great General", I would think of both the Shogun and Five Tiger Generals, but both of them are a different kind of general. I just thought which one I would be"

[Fumu. What is Shogun?]

"In short, the Lord, it can be recognized as the army or a power's top person. They can also make a government and become the highest person there too. The Shogun is the person the Emperor tells[I'll leave everything about the country to you]"

[What about the Five Tiger Generals?]

"This one's completely a subordinate. It's one where the strongest five subordinates of the Lord is chosen. It's closer to an honorary title"

[Fumu, I see. If so, I think that both of them are different]

"That might be true"

[However, in your case, can you not make an example out of that Five Tiger Generals? It is not about you though]

"What do you mean by not about me?"

[You, you are planning on making the princesses and queens of the five great countries "yours" right? Your goal is to make the princesses and queens your woman, and make them stand by your side. And to achieve that, it would be Five Princesses rather than Five Tigers though]

"Hmm"

It's not Five Tiger Generals, but Five 'Princess' Generals? There's no general about that but......I tried imagining it. No, rather than imagining it, I should just do it in reality. I took out the warp feather and warped from that place.

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"Aura"
"Kakeru
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"Kakeru-san? Eh? What, what?"

I took Aura with me and warped to the next place.

"Rica"

"Just in time, Kakeru, I want to discuss——hyan!"

I added Rica and warped.

"Helen"

"What is it, Kakeru-sama"

I pulled Helen to the two's side and warped again.

"Fiona, Marie"

Lastly, I went to Fiona's place.

Marie was also there.

"What is it, Kakeru-san?"

"Everyone too....."

Fiona who I just met earlier was confused. Marie also reacted similarly.

"Everyone, stand side by side" When I said that, the girls looked at each other's faces. "What is it about?""What should we do?", the girls made those confused faces. [Is it not better to explain it] "I guess so", but when I was thinking of that. "Let's line up" Fiona said. "It is something that Kakeru-san is doing, I am sure that there is a reason for it" No, this time, there's not much a reason though. I just wanted to take a look. "That is true. It what Kakeru-sama is doing" "I got it" "How should we line up? One row?" The queens and princesses said and started lining up. From the left, Helen, Rica, Aura, Fiona, and Marie. I took distance and stood where I could see the five of them properly. The five of them.....they're very beautiful. Each one of the has their beauty, but they look more beautiful lined up with each other.

They looked so beautiful that I thought they have a multiplier effect on each other.

"Ah! Is it that"

Rica placed a fist on her palm.

"Kakeru, you want to "do" it?"

"Un?"

"That's why you gathered everyone. Un, if there is not this many, it would not be Kakeru's opponent after all"

Rica nodded many times and made a face like "I get it, I get it".

No, it's not like I wanted to do that.....

It's just I wanted to line up my woman from the Five Tiger Generals idea.

But when I thought of explaining that, the girls moved first.

Helen took of her clothes and Aura flushed her cheeks.

Fiona and Marie who does not have that much experience yet had faces that do not know what to do.

"Fiona, Marie. Go and take off Kakeru's clothes. Ah, don't touch Eleanor okay. It will be terrible"

Rica started directed.

She who has made my exclusive harem in Calamba is used to these things.

Fiona and Marie who was given clear instructions came to my side and carefully took off my clothes, not touching Eleanor.

Fiona and Marie's breathing that became rough and touches my skin.

Aura who became embarrassed and started fidgeting.

Helen who moved gracefully as she took off her clothes.

And, Rica who seemed calmest with a glance but had the most feverish eyes than anyone.

They acted in front of the public as proud royalties, but right now, they acted just like

my woman, without thinking of being a royalty. [What good women] They're great women who even made the sarcastic Eleanor say that. I completely agree.....I feel love. "U~n, but, I wonder if it would be enough with just us" "It might be better to bring Melissa-san too. She should be nearby" With that, Helen and Rica tried to organize. "Wait, you don't need to do that" I stopped the two. "Eh? Is that okay for Kakeru?"

"Don't mind it"

It is true that I usually have the vigor that is multiplied by 777 with the lottery's effect, with just the five girls here, it would be not enough if I go seriously. But.

"Rather than getting satisfied, I feel like loving you girls today"

That's right, I felt like it.

I feel like loving the good girls all that I an.

Just like I declared, I slowly, carefully, and gently did it with a controlled liberation of desire.

I thoroughly loved the five queens and princesses.

CHAPTER 107 THE CHEAT MAN

In the town of Kirenect.

There are two men in the command tower that were made at the center of the town.

The two of them are wearing armor, and from how the position they are standing at seems, one of them is the commander and the other is his subordinate.

The man who is the commander is named Herodotos, a skilled person who follows just after Tanashi within the army.

He is using a telescope and watching the battle being held across the outside wall.

"We're lucky"

"Yes"

The adjutant replied.

"There is information that says the Thousand Blades appeared in Genesare, and "Him" in Kirenect"

"I see, if so, the one who is coming here is"

"The Hundred Lightning Io, we presume"

The instant the adjutant said that, lightning fell at the front lights.

That was not a natural phenomenon. Lightning clouds appeared in the clear skies in an instant, and numerous lightning fell from there.

It is a wide scale lightning magic.

"It looks like you're right"

"Yes. We are very lucky. After all, our opponent is the weakest within the Siracuza Army"

The adjutant said, and Herodotos grinned and nodded.

"Notify the whole army. Tell them to fight with all of their abilities. We can win with that as an opponent"

"We will win?"

"Just here, though"

Herodotos grinned and looked at the adjutant.

"The 'barbarian army' has ended, you know. I need to think of my next way of living" "Are you saying that it is this battle?"

"If one would want to surrender, they would want to surrender with good conditions, don't you think so? We can surrender with good conditions after we win in this opportunity and immediately surrender"

"I see"

"We have continued to lose since 'he' appeared, we can have the only victory mark if we win here. And, it is the weakest Hundred Lighting within his subordinates. We can only throw in our chips here. It's what they say about when the Oni is not around" "As expected"

"Fu", Herodotos laughed.

"Well then, let's finish it quickly. We have 3000 soldiers. Go and crush that magician girl quickly"

"Yes"

Herodotos watched the battle situation from the tower.

He is not the type of commander that comes to the front lines. He is a type of man that commands in the command center like this place——the safest place.

And from there, he sends commands one next to the other.

The battle reports that returned were all about his army being in an advantage.

And finally, a soldier rushes in with a face full of delight.

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"Report! The enemy army has retreated!"
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"We won huh"

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"Herodotos-sama?"

"Should we send a pursue attack... it is alright like this, but I want more achievements"

Herodotos hesitated.

The opponent is the Hundred Lightning Io.

She is one of the heavyweights of the enemy army. She can also be described as one of the strongest ones as a magician.

However, just like this, she is not much when it comes to the battlefield.

If it was possible to capture that Io? Wouldn't that make the negotiations more advantageous?

Thinking of that, Herodotos decided.

"Yosh, notify the whole army——"

"H-Herodotos-sama!"

A different soldier rushed in with a pale face.

"What happened?"

"T-There is enemy reinforcement"

"Reinforcement huh, what's its scale?"

"I-It's the Demon Sword Wielder"

A reply that does not fit as an answer.

"What did you say!"

"Please calm down, Herodotos-sama"

Herodotos was surprised, and his adjutant made him calm down.

"There is information that 'he' appeared in Kinerect. Thinking of the 'battle results' there, the one there is the real one. And, Kirenect is far from this Tiberia. Even if he flew in the sky like a bird, there is no way that he would reach this place this fast" "T-That is true"

Herodotos became relieved.

The distance between each places that the adjutant made him notice brought him relief.

"If so, it is a fake or a bluff huh"

"Yes. It is probably someone who is holding the Demon Sword Replicas that is in trend recently"

"If so, clean it up. Crush that troops that that fake Demon Sword Wielder leads"

Herodotos gave the order. However, the soldier would not move.

"What is it, go send the message"

"T-That is....."

"What is it?"

"There are no.....troops"

"Ha?"

"He is alone. The Demon Sword Wielder is moving towards us alone"

".....ha?"

Herodotos was stunned.

He quickly took his telescope and looked at the front lines.

Ahead of the lens, a single man holding two Demon Swords is moving towards them while raising a dark aura.

"He is alone.....? Don't tell me"

"The real thing.....?"

Herodotos paled with his adjutant's words.

The man was not leading troops, but advancing alone head-on.

The man that exceeded tactics and started to become a strategic-class existence.

The man who controlled the real Eleanor and brought forth a new Demon Sword.

The master of the Demon Sword, the Great General with five peerages.

Herodotos paled to the man that appeared but immediately regained his composure.

"Make the whole army concentrate to the front"

"Herodotos-sama?"

"You idiot, coming here all alone. There is no way that a single person can win against an army no matter how strong you are. Make the whole army charge, crush him" "Y-Yes!"

The soldier ran to send the message quickly.

After a while, the soldiers swarmed towards the opponent.

After staring at that for a while, Herodotos opened his mouth.

"Well then, let's go"

"Please wait, if Herodotos-sama goes to the front lines"

"Who said I'm going to the front lines?"

"Eh? However, you said[let's go]"

"That's right, I'm going. I'm going to run right now"

".....eh?"

The adjutant was stunned. His face shows that he could not believe his ears.

"We have nothing more to do since the Demon Sword Wielder appeared. We can only run away while the soldiers buy us some time"

"B-But"

"Go and hesitate if you want to die. I don't want to die. I'm going to run away while 3000 soldiers buy me some time"

Herodotos went off the tower, pulled his horse that was tied, and jumped into it.

And, after taking a glance at his hesitating adjutant, he made his horse ran to the back direction.

The town seems very empty. The citizens were ordered to stay in their houses during the battle.

He quickly sprinted through the empty town.

"I need to think of another way. A way that would let me survive"

Herodotos muttered. He is thinking of how to protect himself.

He is that kind of man.

He is a famous man who has risen up to his position now, surviving with quick judgments and fast decisions.

And, that judgment is correct. He had judged with the information he got about the Demon Sword Wielder's power right now, he would be able to run away easily if he sacrifices 3000 men.

That judgment——it was broken for the first time.

By a man that cannot be measured by common sense.

Soon after he went out of the town on the opposite side, a man was waiting for him just right ahead.

A man holding a Demon Sword, wearing black clothes. It's the man that he saw through the telescope earlier.

"Ridiculous! Why are you here!"
"....."
"Eii! I'll pass you like this"

When they passed each other, the man swung his Demon Sword without a word. Herodotos's vision rolled.

He was not able to understand until the end that his head was cut with once slash.

CHAPTER 108

YOU CANNOT RUN AWAY FROM KAKERU

I looked at the head rolling on the ground.

"Is it okay to say that this guy's the boss?"

[From how his clothes are, its should be. On top of that, it was exactly as the information said]

"The information about him running away by himself when it gets dangerous huh....."

[It's good that you bought that from Delfina huh. It costed a lot though]

I was asked by Delfina if I wanted to buy this man, Herodotos's, information for 1000 silver coins.

I bought it for 1200 silver coins. Delfina's expression at that time was a little interesting.

When I buy expensive things, I can get lottery tickets for every 300 silver coins.

Since it's a good opportunity, it was better to take 4 tickets for 1200 coins and adding a little more rather than 1000 silver coins for 3 tickets.

Well, that's a digression.

[Your information was being spread too, you should've just used that to negotiate] "I can get lottery tickets in return, I didn't lose out. Also"

[Also?]

"Delfina's going to be my woman someday, I won't lose out anything in the end" [I see]

Eleanor got convinced.

While we were talking, I advanced towards the town of Kinerect while cladding the dark aura.

There was some appearance of the civilians taking a peek from their house's windows. Were they chasing after Herodotos? Soldiers come from time to time though.

"D-Demon Sword Wielder"

"It's the Siracuza's Great General"

"Hiii!!"

No soldier attacked me.

Most of them get frightened the instant they saw me and some even ran away instantly. I was able to advance just with intimidation.

[This place also fell huh]

"Yeah. The remaining is——"

[Master~]

[We have a report]

The maid ghosts flew with a little time difference.

Recently, the movement range became wider, so I left the two of them in Gariraya and Tiberia.

[Gariraya, capture complete~!]

[Tiberia had some resistance after Master have left, but it was suppressed]

"I see, good job"

[Resistance huh, maybe you should've just remained until end]

"That should be enough. Tanya, Peggy"

I called the maid ghosts' names.

"As you can see, this place is also about to be captured. Go fly to Nana's place and tell her that there's no need to buy time anymore"

[I got it!]

The two quickly disappeared into the sky far away.

[With this, only the royal capital Adoa remains]

"Yeah, just like this——"

[Master!]

Tanya descended from the sky. I sent her to Nana's place, but she returned for some reason.

"What is it? Isn't too fast for you to return?"

[There's enemies, enemies are coming from there]

Tanya pointed in the opposite direction, to the direction where Herodotos was running to.

I saw clouds of dust from the far horizon.



When I went out of the town and waited, that came.

The clouds of dust approached up to a hundred meters before me and stopped.

With that, it could be seen clearly now.

[Waa~, there's so many horsies~]

Hikari's easy-going voice.

What came was a cavalry unit.

Their numbers are roughly 300.

Their numbers aren't that many, but if it is this organized cavalry unit, they should

have quite some penetrating force.

[There are unknown flags mixed within]

"Yeah, there's that one that seems to be quite aggressive within the normal barbarian army's flag"

[It is similar to the great general's flag that you asked to make]

Eleanor said.

After I got appointed by Fiona and Marie as a Great General, they also made me a flag for that too.

It's the two Queen's thoughts about making it a symbolic existence.

It is similar to that.....that means.

"Their big boss came out huh"

[Umu. It should be that Barbarian King or something]

[That sounds like a very strong name]

Hikari's lines were somewhat easygoing after all.

And when I was talking like that to the Demon Sword mother and daughter, one man went forward from the cavalry troops.

He went forward holding the reins very well.

"You should be Kakeru Yuuki!"

It was a very loud voice. A low voice that could be clearly heard although we're a hundred meters away.

I looked at the man, I observed that man who is a hundred meters away using my eyesight that is multiplied by 777 times.

He has a plaster figure-like bearded face and an armor full of fine scratches. He also has a very muscular body and twin swords which were as long as a long sword.

It's a man that has a considerable air around him just by being there.

That man opened his mouth again.

"I am Thioza! Thioza Stratos! Cropolis Kingdom's King!"

Cropolis Kingdom's King, Thioza.

It's the organization that we have always called as Barbarian Army and that organization's leader's name.

[It's the real one]

"Yeah, I can tell with his atmosphere"

[That is also a kind of hero]

Eleanor muttered without getting moved.

When I'm hearing about things like those from her, I would feel like the heroes' like a huge bargain sale.

"I'm Yuuki Kakeru"

I also released a loud voice not losing to Thioza.

A voice multiplied 777 times.

It is not a shout, it is a casual, normal, but loud voice.

Their horses were stunned to my voice that was louder than Thioza's.

The only one that was only relatively fine was the horse Thioza was riding.

Thioza glared at me while he made his horse calm down.

"You really did us well huh"

"We're enemies, on top of that, it is something that happened in a battlefield"

"Why do you obstruct me? Is it for your Baron title"

Come to think of it, I was Siracuza's baron huh.

I really forget about that frequently.

"I'll make you a Duke. Hereditary that is. If you want, I'll even give your second son a title"

That's quite grand.

If it is hereditary, not only me but my eldest son will become a Duke, other than that, he would even give my second son a tile as well. It is a good condition.

Well, normally that is.

"I'm not interested"

"Then why are you fighting"

"It's for women. I'll make my women queens"

"Don't kid around!!"

He shouted at me for some reason. Everybody should know about that though.

"What is a man of your caliber doing making a puppet!"

"That's a misunderstanding"

[But, what he is saying is more correct, the thing that you're doing is too insane]

That might be true, but that doesn't matter.

Whether if I'm really just trying to get my women become queens or have a different agenda.

There's no difference, I'm going to defeat this man in front of me either way.

"Come at me"

"What?"

"It doesn't matter what I'm planning if you defeat me right?"

".....hmph" Thioza laughed. He laughed while he raises the corner of his lips. "Fuhahaha, that is true, that is exactly true" Thioza wielded his twin swords. "Everything will end as long as make you just a head. Let's go!" Thioza charged with his horse. This instant we passed each other, his twin swords loomed with pressure. I blocked with Eleanor and Hikari. His slash was sharp, but the power is not that much. There's no big deal if it's just added with a charge. I'll block and drop his head, it'll end there——. [Otou-san!] Unusually, I heard Hikari's desperate voice. The next instant, an extraordinary power attacked me. The two Demon Swords got knocked back, and an arc-shaped light flew towards my neck. "--hmph!" My body instinctively reacted. I kicked the side of the twin swords and jumped back to escape the danger.

"I was careless——", but when I thought of that.

"What the heck"

Thioza's appearance changed. Dark blurs gathered around his body, and——he transformed.

Two horns on each side of his head and bat-like wings from his back.

[Looks like a devil]

"Yeah"

[Uu.....I'm scared~]

Hikari got frightened.

Looking at Thioza's appearance, I remembered about Aura.

The Comotoria Kingdom, the country that was infiltrated by the demon race unknowingly.

Is Thioza the same?

"Where did you get that power"

"This is my power"

".....I see"

It didn't seem like he's planning to not say it at all, his eyes seemed like he really thought that it's his own power, and even feel pride for it.

"Here I come again. U000000!!"

Thioza came slashing. He controlled his horse and slashed with his twin swords charging.

I received that using Eleanor and my hand got numb.

"--haaa!!"

I held my place adding strength, and pushed back.

[You won't just keep getting attacked right] "Of course!"

I answered to Eleanor's urging.

I fixed and clad the black cloak that was made from Eleanor and Hikari's aura.

And after that, I quickly jumped after pushing Thioza back and slashed at him from above.

He received using his twin swords. Thioza didn't receive any damage.

But that impact connected, and the horse that he was riding were smashed.

Gakiin, the metallic sounds that come from the Demon Swords and twin swords clashing echoed, and Thioza jumped off of his crushed horse.

I exchanged blows with Thioza.

Black cloak and two Demon Swords, long twin swords in a devil's appearance.

Thioza's cavalry who have approached watched the fight between those two who are similar while they hold their breath.

Thioza who stood on the ground became more stronger.

His horse seemed to be holding him back, and his power and speed increased compared to when he was on top of a horse.

——but.

"Ku!!"

"What, is that all that you got"

Although it is only for a little, I pushed Thioza back.

Power, speed, and skill. I exceeded him with all of that.

And, with the stamina as well.

After exchanging blows for about ten minutes, he started to lose his power. Sweat comes pouring out of him, and he had a strained face.

[It was time limited huh]

"That's quite common, U0000!!!"

I raised a gear and continued attacking.

"I'll push just like this——", but when I thought of that.

Gongs echoed from the sides and soldiers gathered.

It's my——Siracuza's soldiers, the soldiers gathered from three kingdoms.

The soldiers that I saved by capturing this town by myself came.

And in that instant when I got distracted by that.

"Haaaaaa!!"

Thioza repelled me in a sword lock as if he mustered his strength to do it.

I also concentrated my powers and stopped, on the other hand, Thioza pulled back using that momentum.

When I tried to follow up.

"Thioza-sama!"

One soldier moved forward from the cavalry troops.

He was pulling a different horse and ran to Thioza's side.

Thioza jumped and rode that horse.

"Hindrance came, our match is postponed"

Saying that, he made his horse turned around as if he was very used to it, and left together with his cavalry.

Thioza seemed to be exhausted, but the new horse he was riding was full of life, and ran like the wind.

They're very fast that my soldiers that gathered from the side could not follow, they come quite and leave quick too.

"The reason they suppressed Siracuza so quickly was probably with the help of their mobility"

[That's true, it is frustrating, but it would be for another time]

"What are you saying"

I took out the warp feather.

"There's no need to wait for that"

I said that and warped.

The path where Thioza were retreating at tremendous speed, that was the path I passed through when I came to capture this Kirenect.

I warped, right in front of Thioza.

"What! -- "

I presented the surprised Thioza with a cross slash using the two Demon Swords.

Thioza who fell down separated into four had a face that tells that he couldn't understand what happened until the end.

CHAPTER 109

THE MEETING OF DEMON AND DEMON SWORD

Deep within the night, inside a corpse collection camp.

One man appeared before Thioza's corpse.

It's a man wearing black clothes like an assassin.

The man is wearing his hood deeply hiding his head, and a dark mist was pouring out of that hood.

Anyone can tell the peculiarity of that with a glance, no, just being near it.

It's an existence surrounded by such wicked thing that those who have a weak will might lose their minds just being near it.

That man reached out his hand towards Thioza.

A similar dark aura came out of Thioza's body and was absorbed to the man's hand.

Thioza's appearance which was similar to that to a demon gradually returned to that of a human, and when that dark aura was completely sucked away, Thioza returned to a simple human corpse.

The man closed and opened his hand as if to check the thing that he collected right now.

The man whispered with a voice full of bitterness.

"That man that commands a Demon Sword, and brought upon a Demon Sword.....how many times has this been"

"What times?"

"∽∽!!"

The man was surprised to the other man that suddenly appeared.

He quickly turned around, and saw a man who had two Demon Swords crossing his hands while leaning his back against the entrance of the corpse collection camp.

That man had a sharp gaze and raises the corner of his lips that looked vicious with

one glance.

The most heretic existence in this world, commanding a Demon Sword and brought upon another one.

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"Demon Sword Wielder.....Kakeru Yuuki"

"Yeah"

"Why are you.....here?"

"If those things that appear everywhere——"

Kakeru pointed at Thioza's corpse.
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"——demonic existences? Or things as such, even an idiot can tell. Calamba's three ministers, Comotoria's queen, and this guy"

".....where did you find out about Calamba"

"I have an informant within my women"

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"If you appear one next to the other like that, even an idiot can tell that there's something big connected behind it"

".....I'll just say this, this time was an irregular"

"He∼?"

Kakeru slightly widened his eyes and asked back while smiling.

"The seed that was sown from far before, it had just budded just now"

"Does that excuse have any meaning?"

"We don't plan to be your enemy"

"Are you scared of me?"

"We are ones who live in time eternal. And, you are just a human"

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"After tens of years, or a hundred years longest, you will disappear. That time is just a

blink of an eye for us. We can just slowly resume our plan after that. That's all out of it"

"I see. That's convincing——but"

Kakeru drew Demon Sword Eleanor and pointed it towards the black man.

"There's no assurance that you would really pull back"

".....then what will you do"

"That's already decided"

The Demon Sword Hikari was also drawn.

The dark aura coming from the Demon Swords——they seemed to be similar to that of the man's, but it's a dark aura that was completely different in essence.

"It's irrelevant if I cut you off!"

"——so fast!!"

Kakeru's charge had far exceeded the man's expectation. He instantly let the Demon Sword Wielder close in to him, and the Demon Sword was just before his face.

The two shadows passed each other. Kakeru cuts off the man's arm that he raised up to counterattack.

"Swords cannot cut our flesh. We are existences of this world but existences that are outside its laws. Even if you are the Demon Sword Wielder"

"He \sim , is that so?"

Kakeru raised the corners of his mouth while he stabbed the man's severed arm using Eleanor.

"In these cases, it's usual that you'll be[Fuhahaha, it doesn't work!]and regenerate"

"Exactly——Mu!"

The man was clearly agitated.

He moved his sleeve trying to do something, but it moved with nothing happening.

".....what did you do"

"I didn't do anything. I just charged with full strength and slashed. This girl said something like she has something special that might work against you guys, so I just let her do it"

"Demon Sword......Eleanor!"

"That's right. Well now, leave that head behind"

Kakeru charged swinging the two Demon Swords.

The instant they passed each other, the man's body were cut into four with a cross just like Thioza.

"Tch, got away huh"

The man suddenly disappeared, and the only thing that remained was the stained assassin clothes split into four.

Kakeru sheathed the Demon Swords.

"Ah! You're here. Kakeru-san's here huh"

Io passed by outside.

"What are you doing in this place?"

"No. It's nothing. Rather than that, you seem to be looking for me, what's up?"

"Un, you know, this is only if it's fine, but, Kakeru-san fought a lot today right? That's why——"

Kakeru kissed Io not letting her finish.

The thing that was shown in her face——it was expectations.

And Kakeru correctly understood what its target was.

"What about the bed?"

"H-Here"

Io seemed very happy although a little embarrassed.

Kakeru put an arm around Io and secretly picked up the torn assassin clothes.

He casually put into his pocket the thing that might be a clue for the next time.

CHAPTER 110

HOMEFRONT PREPARATION

Adoria, the capital of Siracuza.

The last base——it was surrendered bloodlessly.

Thioza who brought them up to one step before unifying the Siracuza territory disappeared, and because it was a situation where the main executives were defeated as well, the soldiers lost the will to resist without someone to lead them.

When I advanced alone with my usual"the rumored Demon Sword Wielder"appearance, the white flag was immediately raised.



Adoria Palace, in the audience hall.

The sisters Fiona and Marie are sitting there.

Fiona sat on the right, and Marie sat on the left, on thrones that the Kings and Queens have used originally.

And in front of them, I asked their impression.

"How is it? How do you feel"

"E~to.....I don't really know"

"It looks very extravagant, and......I feel like I'll be uncomfortable just by staying here"

Just like Fiona and Marie has said, they look very uncomfortable.

They were fidgeting, and really seemed like they feel discomfort.

I get that feeling.

This Adoria's palace is the most extravagant palace that I have seen.

It's several ranks higher compared to the one in Calamba and Comotoria.

Vast open space, excellent pillar decorations, very soft carpet, and floor that is

polished like a mirror.

It is so extravagant that I don't have any clue how much it would cost.

The sisters had slowly started get used to acting the "Queen's Power", but they almost returned to normal being overwhelmed by this extravagance.

No, it might be even worse.

It's like they advanced three steps and took four steps backwards.

"We will be working here everyday right....."

Marie whispered. She seemed very worried.

I decided free her from that.

"That's true, but it's alright if you don't"

"Eh?"

"What do you mean, Kakeru-san"

The sisters stared at me at the same time.

"I told this before, but you are Queens. You're Queens so you can just do it how you want it to. If you feel uncomfortable here, you can move to a place you can be comfortable in, if you want, you can even destroy it and change it to a place you can be comfortable in"

"I-Is that alright?"

"What's bad with the owner of the house reforming it?"

The scale is different, but it's basically the same.

When I said that, Fiona and Marie seemed to realize something.

"I see, it was alright to do that"

"Reform.....I could not think of that"

"Yeah that's right"

I nodded. Suddenly, an idea popped out of my head, so I told them that while grinning.

"If you want, you can carry the Purosu Diner and bring it here"

"The store?"

"In here?"

"Yeah, this place is wide enough for the store to be in it right?"

"It's true.....it's wider than our store"

"The whole store can be inside"

"You can just place it in here. If that makes to most comfortable. And then, you can have the audience in the first floor's seat. You can just make it like the audience of a messenger is with a Queen's reception"

".....fumu, fumu, I see~"

"Ah, Onee-chan's face.....it's her face when she would seriously do it"

"He∼"

I looked at Fiona with Marie's words.

Fiona's expression became bright after hearing what I said.

According to her little sister, that smile of her that came from an uncomfortable one, was her face when she's plotting something.

"Kakeru-san. Is it really——okay to do what we want?"

"Yeah, you can do it however you want it"

"Won't there be people who disagree?"

"Silence them with the Queen's power. Tell me if you need physical power"

"Queen, and......Kakeru-san"

Isn't that the strongest?

Fiona silently whispered.

"Ne~, Onee-chan"

Fiona's bad face infected her little sister, and Marie whispered to her big sister. It looks like their tension has completely disappeared.

I left the hall of the throne and walked through the corridor.

[They seem that they might become an unprecedented Queen. No, maybe having two Queens is already unprecedented]

"Did it not exist in history?"

[Was there a precedent in your knowledge?]

She asked me instead.

I thought.

"There was no two Queens, but there are a president and a minister, or an emperor and a minister. There are quite a lot of countries that have two tops existing at the same time"

[Fumu, then, I am convinced where your idea came from. Such thing does not exist in my memory. Such a country where several highest authorities exist simultaneously]
[Is that true? Okaa-san]

[Umu, no, it might not be true as well]

Inside my head, I felt Eleanor grinning, or having an emotion like that.

[There is only one with the highest authority in this country after all]

"Hmm? About which one who has the final decision? Is it the big sister, or is it the pattern where the timid looking little sister actually has the power. Well, either one is fine"

[I do not mean it by that]

"Un?"

Eleanor denied it. What does she mean?

I can't really get the meaning why she said there's only one with the highest authority. When I pointed that out, it felt like Eleanor made a half laugh, so I got more confused.

"Kakeru"

Rica came from the other side.

I placed my arms around her waist, kissed her, and asked.

"What is it?"

"A person who wants to meet with the Queen came. Probably, a troublesome person"

Rica answered as usual although her cheeks were flushed.

"Troublesome?"

"Un. A troublesome person"

".....I got it, make him wait"

Rica repeatedly narrowed her eyebrows to that"troublesome person".

Hearing that, I thought that some countermeasures are needed.

In the drawing room, there is one Jii-san.

The Jii-san stood up when I entered the room, but was disappointed after seeing my face.

"You are?"

"Ah∼, I'm....."

I thought for a moment, and named myself with the position I have right now.

"Siracuza Baron, as well as the Kingdom's Retaliation Army's Great General. Yuuki Kakeru"

"You were His Excellency the Baron. It is an honor to meet you"

"And you are?"

When I asked him, the Jii-san arrogantly—braggingly named himself after clearing his throat.

"My name is Constan Calaman M Siracuza. I am from the main Royal House of Siracuza seven generations ago"

I heard his name beforehand, but I found out that he's an ex-royal family member right now.

I mean, is that remarkable?

[He should be a commoner or barely a noble right now]

Eleanor said.

Is it like the emperor's grandchild or something.

I made that Constan sit, and I faced with that Jii-san after sitting.

One maid entered the room and puts down tea for two.

Tea that is poured inside an expensive-looking teacup. I added sugar and stirred with a silver spoon.

Constan did the same.

I started the conversation after both of us had taken a sip.

"And so, what did you come for?"

"Where is the Queen Her Highness"

"Queen? Ahh, that's right, was it about you wanting to meet the Queen"

"Exactly"

"If so, then there's no problem. I'll hear you out instead"

"Baron Your Excellency"

Jii-san slightly glared at me.

"I have wished to meet Her Majesty the Queen"

"Say what you did you come for, I'll hear it out and pass it to her"

".....does Her Majesty knows about this?"

"About what? About me meeting you? Or about hearing you out? Well, she doesn't know both of them"

Constan narrowed his eyebrows.

"A nobles tyranny is the sign of a fall of a country you know"

"Fu∼n?"

I looked at Jii-san with cold eyes.

"Fall of a country? That means the country getting destroyed right?"

"Exactly, from time immemorial——"

"What were you doing up until now"

I interrupted Constan who was about to arrogantly say something.

"What?"

"Fall of a country, a country getting destroyed. Although it's inappropriate to say this, for better or for worse, Siracuza Kingdom was about to fall, no, it had substantially fallen, by the hands of Thioza Stratos that is. And with that, that Cropolis Kingdom or something would've been made"

"We do not approve of such a Barbarian King"

"I am talking about substantial things. Right now, if the Kingdom's Retaliation Army did not exist——what country would this be?"

Constan became silent.

"And then, what were you doing at that time"

"We were waiting for the chance to retaliate. There is such thing called currents, we are constantly observing that tide to avoid being late"

"Fu~n"

And, it's this timing huh.

Ahh, it's probably this timing.

"Delfina"

I muttered that name.

Constan flinched.

"W-What is it suddenly"

"Don't you know about Delfina?"

".....I have no clue of what you are talking about"

"No, well, I was surprised too you know. When I went to ask her thinking that she has many kinds of information, but to think that it was a person directly involved. You, it seems like you owe Delfina a lot"

That's right, debt.

I used the warp feather to Delfina's place to get information before I met with Constan, and she told me that.

It looks like he owes Delfina a lot of money to maintain his position as a noble.

"And then, most of the Siracuza's nobles had died, and since you have the nearest blood right now although you're from a side branch, you came to meet the Queen—you came to extort them"

"___"

Constan's face was red with anger.

"You're just like a hyena"

"That money hungry Homers!"

Constan slams his fist on the table.

"You talk as if you know it! Aren't you the one who's a hyena!"

"Getting angry instead huh"

How can I say this, well, as expected I guess.

"Eii! Let me meet her! Let me meet the new Queen! In the first place, for a mere noble do such thing to me who is the blood family of the royal family is absurd! I shall meet

the Queen and——"
"This, you know"

I picked up the silver spoon.

It's a silver spoon that has a decoration, there's the same thing in Constan's teacup as well, and he used that earlier too.

"It's a special made that would shine when a person from the royal family touches it" ".....eh?"

"Didn't you know that there's such thing in Siracuza?"

".....ha!"

Constan realized after looking at the silver spoon.

After meeting Delfina, I asked to prepare it in a hurry.

It's to make sure whether he's really from the royal family or not.

[Good job thinking of that. I shall praise you]

I ignored Eleanor's words and said to Constan.

"Was it that your blood became very thin, or is it that there is a different reason. I don't know about that, but"

I put down the spoon and glared at Constan.

"Either way, it means that it's a mistake for you to have an arrogant face as a royalty" "——!!"

Constan stood up with a red face and walked to leave the room.

"Just wait——I'll make you regret this"

Like that, he left with those words.

"How stupid"

I put down the spoon and said to him coldly.

"Going this far, do you really think I would leave something that would make me regret?"

[He probably has a brain that cannot realize that]

Eleanor said with an amazed, cold voice.

And without a week has passed, Constan was bankrupt after being cornered by Delfina.

After that, no one knew about his whereabouts.

CHAPTER 111

THE QUEEN'S BEDROOM

Royal capital Adoria.

I watched the grand enthronement ceremony that the kingdom held within the crowd.

The castle town that is rowdy celebrating, and stall pubs.

And from there——I looked at Fiona and Marie at a distance that one would normally

be unable to see from without using a telescope.

The two of them appeared on the palace balcony and waved their hands to the crowd.

Instantly, the whole town was showered with cheers.

[Those two. They became like it]

"That's true. They became beautiful"

[It might be incomparable when I first met her. She was just a weak girl that can be

found anywhere at that time]

Eleanor is talking about Marie.

She probably feels something for Marie because she had once possessed her.

"Well! Thank goodness it succeeded. Thanks for the help, Delfina"

I said that and stared at Delfina who had sat quietly in front of me from earlier.

A woman's long hat and black silk dress.

She's a good woman who has both intelligence and charm at a high level.

"I would need to say thanks to Kakeru-sama as well. I was able to profit in this

enthronement ceremony in a fold after all"

[She's cunning as usual. She did not only lend them money, but even influenced what

that money would be used for]

Eleanor said.

That is right, she lent money.

The money that was used for this enthronement ceremony is something that the Siracuza Kingdom borrowed from Delfina.

The kingdom's treasury is almost empty because of the long war, but even so, they couldn't not held an enthronement ceremony, and they cannot do it shabbily too.

And so, Delfina volunteered to lend them money when they needed it.

"Although it might be wrong for me to say this——was it really alright? Lending it"

"There would be quite a lot of profits even if the interest rate is less than usual with that amount. Also, Kakeru-sama have given collateral as well"

Delfina made a cunning smile.

"As expected huh"

"Thank you for the compliment"

It is unprecedented for a country to borrow from one individual merchant, but it seemed that this would be the best way to do it.

The enthronement ceremony is grandly opened like this using the money from Delfina.

The reality of the extravagant ceremony and the princess of the Siracuza returned from a commoner then became a Queen made the public excited.

The cannon salute that was shot to the sky echoed.

There was 17 shots coming from the Siracuza's unique divine number 17.

Soon after, a flower path that extends from the balcony.

The flower path extended to my place.

Attention gathered towards me. Delfina had disappeared when I noticed it.

A clever, good woman.

[Shall we go then]
[Let's go!]

The Demon Sword mother and daughter said.

I stood up and advanced through the flower path.

I did not only advance, I went towards the Queens with the Demon Sword's power—clad in dark robes of aura.

The rowdy celebratory castle town had turned silent at once.

Gokuri, it was so silent that swallowing sounds could even be heard.

I took my time reaching the palace, and went up the balcony.

And there, I faced Fiona and Marie who are in their queen appearance.

"Kakeru-sa——"

I secretly gestured Fiona who was about to call me like"Shh".

Fiona realized something and changed it.

And, with a clear voice.

"Great General Kakeru"

"Well done"

Following her big sister, Marie said.

She had a soft voice, but a voice that would make the people who hear it calm down.

The two of them had different types, but what common was——they had the dignity of a Queen.

I kneeled in front of them and reached out the thing that I brought.

"As you have commanded, I have gone and take it back"

What I reached out were rings, two big sized rings.

The royal family's ring.

The people who have confirmed that nearby buzzes and that instantly spread.

"This, to its rightful master"

"Well done, Great General Kakeru"

"To praise you of your achievement, we shall give you the honor to put it on us"

"──. Thank you very much"

I got a little surprised. I didn't know about that.

It was decided that I would hand it to them and they would put it on themselves.

Is it an ad-lib?

[They are thinking and taking actions with their own thoughts]

That seems to be so.

Oh really, the two of you, what good women.

I respectfully took the Queen's hand and put the ring on them.

On their thumbs.

To their thumb that is the symbol of authority.

The royal family's ring releases a holy light after touching the bloodline of the royal family.

Those two lights covered all of the surroundings.

The next instant, the crowd roared as if the whole royal capital Adoria shook.



Deep in the night, in the queen's bedroom.

Fiona and Marie are standing there.

They went towards me while still wearing their queen dresses.

A calm, warm colored lights made a good atmosphere.

"Kakeru-san"

"Welcome"

"Isn't that line weird?"

"No, it is not"

"Well then, please come her"

Marie pulled my hand and let me sit on the bed.

Fiona pushed the card that was prepared in the corner of the room.

Their active movements made me remember the time at Purosu Diner. They were doing that in their queen dresses, so it was interesting.

There is food on top of the cart that Fiona pushed.

They are familiar food.

"This.....don't tell me"

"Yes, it's mountain cow fried rice, extra large"

"Brings back memories. This was the one I got when I first went to your store right?"

"You remembered"

"Of course"

I looked at the fried rice and looked at Marie.

"Come to think of it, what was Marie doing at that time?"

"I was in the back of the store. After all, I didn't know Kakeru-san at all at that time"

"I see. Well, I was just a customer after all, a first-time visitor too. It's natural that you don't know me then"

"I found out that Kakeru-san was the one who hunted so many mountain cows, and went to ask you to save Marie at that time right?"

"I remember that"

I stared at the mountain cow fried rice.

The two girls of the Purosu Diner, the beautiful poster girl sisters.

Siracuza's offspring, the twin queens that breaks the tradition.

"Thinking about it carefully, it was the mountain cow that made me connected to you

huh"

"Yes"

"Un"

What an interesting connection.

I reached out my hand to the fried rice's dish.

Fiona subtly stopped that and took the dish instead.

"No. We will make you eat it"

"Kakeru-san. A∼n"

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I let the two do what they want.

It is very interesting being served by them in their queen appearance.

I quickly finished the extra-sized fried rice.

"Thanks for the meal, it was delicious"

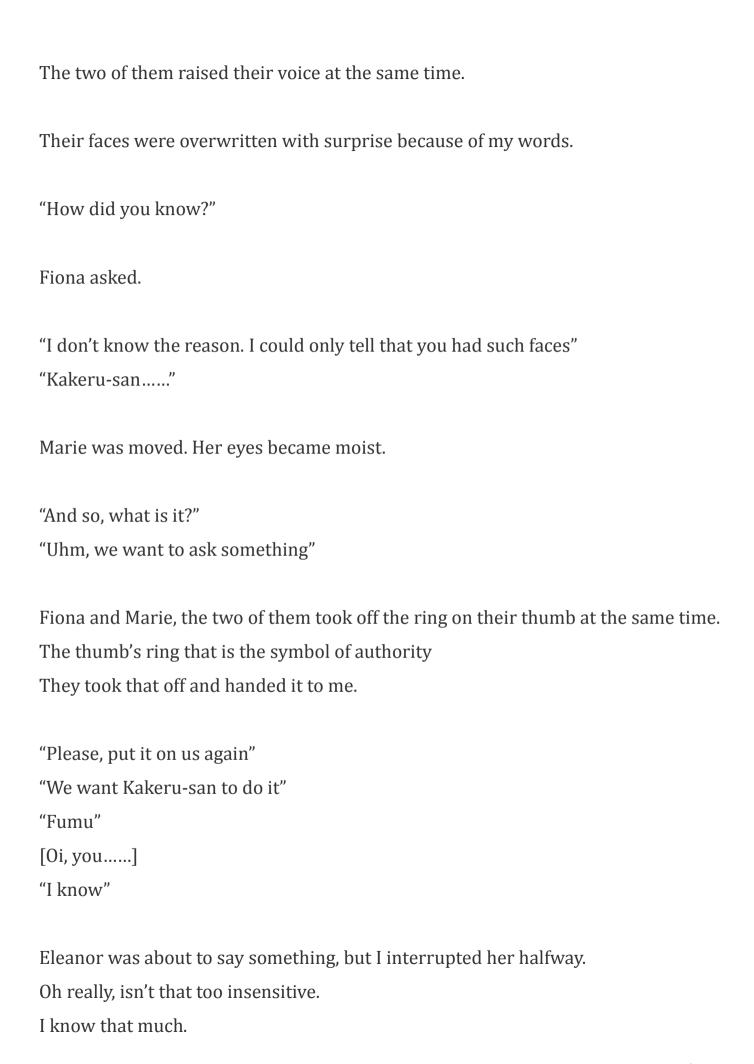
The two of them stared at me with flushed cheeks.

They stared at me with red faces while standing in front of me.

I understood something with that face.

"Do you want me to do something?"

""Eh?""



I received the rings and took the two's hands.

I placed the ring on them without hesitations.

To their ring finger.

The ring that did not fit shone.

The two of them stared at that cherishingly.

The two who wished for that.

They wished it to be put on their ring finger that shows love, not on the thumb of authority.

I took Fiona's hand.

"Kakeru-san"

"You were beautiful, Fiona today was exactly what a Queen is"

I praised, and kissed her.

Fiona became soft on the bones and lean her weight to my body.

I took Marie's hand while embracing Fiona.

"K-Kakeru-san"

"You were lovely. "I can do my best for that lovely queen." I heard those kinds of voices being raised from here and there"

I praised, and kissed her.

Marie became soft on the bones as well and lean her weight to my body.

I took off their dresses while feeling their warmth and breaths.

"K-Kakeru-san"

"While wearing should be better——"

The two of them tried to say something, but I made them shut up with a kiss on their mouth.

I undressed them off the queen's dress which was their last symbol of authority. The two girls wearing a ring with their appearance bare.

"How beautiful"

I said that, pushed them to the bed, and connected our bodies.

I returned the two who have acted the duties of the queen to just regular girls.

CHAPTER 112 THE POWER THAT IS ONLY MINE

I came to the lottery place.

The ones who can come here is me who is someone who came from a different world, Hikari who has my blood flowing in her, and Eleanor for unknown reasons. In Eleanor's case, she can turn into her human appearance when she is here.

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"What are you staring at"

"No, I just thought, you'll be in that appearance when we come here right?"

"So what?"

"It's only me who knows that appearance"

"Hikari knows too you know?!"

Hikari said from the side.

That is true, but I didn't mean it like that.

Eleanor is.....quite beautiful.



Her body and face are that of a child, but the expression made from her eyes and lips, and the atmosphere that is being made from her bearing.

From those, I feel not"cuteness"but"beauty".

No, maybe"cute and beautiful at the same time"is correct.

And only me knows that.

I looked at Eleanor.

How can I say this——.

"Uhmm~....."

There was a voice talking to me.

A woman's voice. When I turned around, there was the lottery's staff there with an amazed face.

"I might be saying this for so many times, but can you please stop bringing that heart warming family scene here? You started awakening to a weird thing too"

The staff grumbled.

What do you mean by a weird thing?

.....well, whatever.

I regained myself and asked her.

"Is there a new lottery?"

"How did you know?"

"You said it before right? That there would be new lotteries when there are huge movements in the world"

"I see, I said it when Mercouri took in new paper notes right?"

"That's right. That's why I thought that the same thing might happen because of Siracuza this time"

"Yes, that's true! It's amazing right \sim , restoration of a country, on top of that, there are

two queens you know? There is no doubt that it will be written in history. Something like Twin Queens of Restoration"

"Twin Queens of Restoration, that's cool. Something like Tokugawa Yoshimune"

I think he's called something like that too.

"And so, what lottery is it this time?"

I looked at what's behind the staff.,

Other than the red and white banner, there is a cloth covered signboard there.

"Jaja~n!"

The staff removed that cloth at once.

What appeared was the prizes list of the lottery.

"Let me see"

I looked at the prizes list.

• Special Prize Siracuza's Secret Treasure 1/1

First Prize Territory in Siracuza 1/1

Second Prize Land in Siracuza 5/5

• Third Prize Siracuzian Slave 10/10

• Fourth Prize Siracuza's Specialty Product 50/50

Participation Prize Siracuza Silver Coin 300/300

"All of it is Siracuza huh"

Eleanor said.

"That's true. Well, it's easy to understand. The case in Siracuza was solved after all"

"On top of that, if those two becomes the restorers, the value of these prizes would go
up. There is no doubt that the lands and territories there would skyrocket"

"It would skyrocket?"

Hikari asked with eyes full of curiosity.

"It would go up for sure. It's like being told after entering a large company with good performance that the bonus is not cash but stocks"

"And if you receive that, you would work harder right!"

The staff also showed agreement.

If you receive stocks from the company you're in, on top of that, if it is rising stocks, you would be working harder to increase its value even more.

The stocks of the lands and territories of Siracuza would increase from now on, so although this lottery feels cheap, it is quite worthwhile.

But leaving that aside.

"What's the special prize[Siracuza's Secret Treasure]?"

"It is a secret treasure, please look forward to it after you draw it out"

"Hmm. There are numbers written, does that mean all of what's inside the lottery is this?"

"Yes

"In short, it can be taken for sure if you draw until the end"

"That's right? Oh really, Dear Customer, lotteries of drawing lots is like that right? The last ball would be a win for sure"

It would normally be.

I just thought that it might be limited to that in this lottery because there are some

mysterious elements to it.

But even so, I see, I can get it by drawing until the end huh.

"Well, what a good thing to hear then"

A man's voice from behind.

When I turned around, there was that man.

The man who drew the lottery and came to this world before me.

It has been a very long time since I teleported here, but I have only met him in this lottery place.

That man grinned and said.

"You, how many do you have?"

"About 20 tickets"

"I have 300 tickets. It means that I can get all of it after gathering 40 more tickets. Yosh, I'll draw later, I'll gather tickets first"

The man said and disappeared.

Seeing that, the staff whispered.

"If it is that person, there is no doubt he can gather them"

"I think so too"

I don't know what kind of life that man is living, nor how he is gathering them, but he would gather an amazing number of lottery tickets every time.

In numbers, about 10 times of mine.

"But, that is correct"

"Un?"

I looked at the staff.

"No, it might be improper for me to say this, but the possibility to draw the special prize is low, especially at first"

I took a glance at the prizes list, counted them, then asked.

"It isn't 1 in 367?"

"Yes, at first"

Isn't it a mysterious lottery as I've thought?

The possibility with normal lotteries, in this case, would be 1 in 367.

"That's why, gathering tickets and drawing all of them is the correct strategy this time. What would Dear Customer like to do?"

"It's impossible to gather 367 tickets——ahh, it's impossible to gather all of them before that guy"

I said that and Eleanor on my side nodded.

When it comes to the ability to gather lottery tickets, I'm overwhelmingly weaker than him.

On top of that, he already has 300 tickets.

It's impossible to gather 367 tickets before him in this situation.

But——.

"For the meantime, 10 tickets. There's 11 pulls right? Hikari, can you draw the lots as usual?"

"Un! I'll do it, Okaa-san~"

"Umu"

"One~two. GaraGaraGara~"

We have a cute Goddess of Fortune with us.

GaraGaraGara——Poton.

"Eh?"

"Fumu"

"Waa~"

The three of them said at the same time.

What came out was a golden colored ball.

"S-Special Prize, Jackpot....."

The staff got so surprised she forgot to ring her hand bell.

At a later date, it looks like that man collected everything from the first prize and below while crying.



[This is Siracuza's Secret Treasure huh]

After returning to the mansion, Hikari went to play with Chibi Dragon, so I'm left alone with Eleanor in her Demon Sword appearance.

There's a palm-sized box on my hand.

A crest is carved on the outside of the box.

It's the same crest with the rings that Fiona and Marie are wearing in their thumb.

"I only need to open this right?"

[That woman said so]

"I open it"

[Are you sure?]

Eleanor said with a joking tone.

"You're with me, there's no problem"

[.....]

"n? What?"

I thought strange of it because she suddenly got silent so I asked.

[I-It's nothing! Well, open it right away]

She urged me weirdly. What was that?

Well, whatever.

I regained myself and opened the box.

""

[.....] Shi \sim n. Nothing happened. There's nothing inside the box. I feel fooled because nothing happened. ——it was at that time. Light overflowed from the bottom of the box and enveloped my body. [Are you alright?!] "Yeah. I'm fine" Eleanor's panicking voice, my calm voice in contrast to that. It's because the instant the light enveloped me, the effects of this "Secret Treasure" flowed into my head. "I see.....an item that makes a technique.....or rather, a secret technique" [You can tell?] "I can—heighten one's imagination..... that has a strong image will become power.

huh"

[Hou]

Eleanor who calmed down returned to her usual enjoying voice.

[That's interesting. After all, you did not have a technique that seems like a technique up until now]

"Come to think of it, that's right. I was fighting mostly by using my abilities after all"

I have the All Abilities 777 Times that I got from the first lottery.

It was even easy by doing things thoughtlessly using that ability, so I did not have the idea of making a Secret Technique.

[And then, you're saying it can be made easily?]

"As long as there's a strong imagination"

[Then, do it]

She ordered me bossily for some reason.

Well, whatever.

I imagined.

About me using the technique.

Of course, only I can use it.

Being unfathomable is good. Just like the two Demon Swords, being unfathomable is good.

And then, it would be great if it is something that has effects on my women.

I imagined the ability that can satisfy all of those conditions.

I strongly, strongly, imagined.

And, it became——.

CHAPTER 113

SLIP DAMAGE

I returned to the different world from the lottery place, and jumped using the Warp Feather.

At an open field from royal capital Adoria where the slave soldiers are stationed.

I left most of the slave soldiers in a place that is a little bit away, so they won't get caught in one swoop whatever happens.

"Is that all you have! Come more. Charge more!"

"Eii!!"

"Yaaa!!"

In there, Nana is training the slave soldiers.

20 vs 1.

At one side, a 20 person platoon that is the basic unit of the slave soldiers, and Nana by herself in the other side.

Nana lets the slave soldiers attack, and she would parry them.

The difference between their strength is clear. Nana has the leeway to [educate] even though she has twenty opponents coming at her at once.

After watching that for a while, I called out to Nana.

"Nana"

KiKiKiKiiiiin!!

Nana raised her gear and came to me leisurely after parrying away all of the weapons of the slave soldiers who attacked.

"Aruji, did anything happen?"

Nana stood in front of me and asked.

And then, tension ran among the slave soldiers.

Their tensions changed to immediate action because of training. The slave soldiers took their weapons at once, forms a line and took attention to me.

"Don't worry, it's not like that. Nana, I want you to cooperate with something"

"Cooperate?"

"I made a new technique. I want you to test that with me"

After I said that, the slave soldiers got relieved at once.

They probably got relieved that it is not a battle.

At the same time, they started to have curious faces.

It's because the same thing happened many times up until now.

"Kakeru-sama created a new technique again?"

"If it's true, then only Nana-sama could be an opponent"

"I wonder what technique it is this time"

The women chatted and started to show interest.

The slave soldiers got convinced because of what happened up until now.

On the other hand, Nana held her sword unmoved, and asked me.

"What do I need to do? Aruji. Am I on the receiving end? Or shall I attack?"

"Before that——Nikki, the first platoon, step forward"

The first platoon that Nikki Cephalis commands stepped forward.

"Can I be of help?"

"Lend me your ears"

I whispered to Nikki.

Nikki nodded although a little bit surprised.

"Understood"

I faced Nana, and drew Eleanor.

"Sorry to keep you waiting. I'll attack from my side"

"Ha!"

Nana readied her sword.

The tension rises. Not only between us, but the slave soldiers who are watching stood with tension.

And within that, I carelessly charged——and carelessly swung Eleanor.

Gakii—n. A metal sound that is a little out of the atmosphere.

""

Nana who received Eleanor's slash got confused.

She made a face saying "what was that half-hearted attack just now".

"Nikki"

"Ha! First platoon, attack!"

I took a step back, and instead, the first platoon that Nikki commands attacks Nana at once.

It's exactly the same scene that I saw earlier. One platoon vs one Nana.

Nikki charged ahead and was first to attack Nana. The instant Nana received that attack without difficulty.

Bashun!!, it sounded.

Nana's sword was blocked by a dark aura, and her body received an impact.

"What!——"

"Haaaaa!!"

Nana was forced to step back because of the aura's impact. And there, a different slave soldier attacked without delay.

She attacked and Nana received again——then, the aura exploded again.

I sheathed Eleanor and watched that with crossed arms.

This is the technique I thought of using Siracuza's Secret Treasure.

I thought.

If I would want to go undefeated by myself, the 777 multiplier ability, the additional attack, and the mother and daughter Demon Swords are enough.

Probably, it's enough strength to take over all under the heavens.

That's why, there's no need for me to get strengthened anymore.

Instead, the thing that I thought, and trying to do recently.

The thing that can be called "My Boom".

What should I need to do to lead my women, and fight with them.

Using the women at their limits——and making them show results.

This technique is the one I made out of that idea.

[What in the world is happening?]

Eleanor had doubts in the scene in front of her.

I thought of it by myself, so she doesn't know the details.

"I shot out your aura with that one attack. That aura doesn't have an effect normally, but it would react when receiving attacks, applying impacts from within "

[Fumu. It means that, that woman would receive extra damage every time she receives

the slave soldiers' attacks huh] "That's right" [If so, what about this?] After Eleanor said that, she sent an image directly to my head. "You, that's ruthless" [I'm a Demon Sword after all] "I see" I nodded and raised a voice. "The sixth to the tenth platoon. Hold your bows and arrows, shoot Nana. First platoon, fall back" The slave soldiers moved immediately. Without hesitations, 100 of them held their bows and shot Nana at once. Trust towards Nana, the training they have regularly, and absolute obedience to my orders. With all of those mixing up, they acted the order without delay. A hundred arrows flew towards Nana at once. "——Haaaaaaaaaa!!" Nana sucked her breath and swung her sword. Her sword that danced like a storm blocks the arrows at lightning speed one next to the other——but. "Kuu!!"

Nana's beautiful eyebrows narrowed and she let out a voice of anguish.

Every time she blocks an arrow—every time she blocks the slave soldiers' attacks, the Demon Sword's aura explodes.

Eleanor's suggestion.

"Since the aura explodes with every attack, what then if the attacks are increased by the use of bows and arrows?"

Her suggestion created an effect that was exactly what she imagined.

That Nana is being pushed back by the slave soldiers!

"You, you're really ruthless"

[Just call me determined]

"It's not what you say, but how you say it huh"

All of the arrows were blocked.

Nana stabbed her sword into the ground and breathed with her shoulders.

All of the one hundred arrows were blocked, she doesn't have any injuries.

But regardless of that, Nana was exhausted. She's so tired that she might collapse anytime if she doesn't use her sword as support.

It's probably the first time I saw her get exhausted in such a short time.

And, the slave soldiers who saw Nana's exhaustion for the first time.

"Kakeru-sama's really ruthless....."

"That Nana-sama who is as strong as a monster....."

"I knew it.....I knew it, but still, amazing....."

That appearance resulted in respect for me in a straight way.

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CHAPTER 114

Breaking Off the Engagement

Afternoon in Reiusu, inside the mansion.

After the case with Siracuza ended, I'm relaxing right now in the mansion that I returned to after a long time.

Relax, if so, there is only one thing that must be done.

"Uhmm, Master"

"n, what is it, Miu?"

"Is it enough.....I need to do my work"

"Postpone that for later"

I immediately dismissed it.

Today, I have MofuMofu-d Miu since morning.

In the living room under the sunlight passing through the window, I MofuMofu-d Miu. MofuMofu, MofuMofu.

I continued to MofuMofu Miu while being careful to not let her get away even while relaxing.

There is no doubt that Miu has a lot of work piled up since I started to MofuMofu her since the morning.

Haa∼.....how relaxing∼.

"Miu is fluffy as usual"

"I take care of myself, so"

Miu answered timidly.

"I have always taken care of myself, so that, Master can MofuMofu me anytime"

"I see, Miu's such a good girl" I patted Miu's head while I continue to MofuMofu her. And then,"Howaa~.....", Miu let out a voice, relaxed, and laid her body on mine. "Miu, did you grow up a little bit?" "Is that so? I do not know" "Hmm. It's just a little, but you might've gotten a little taller" "" "Miu?" Miu became a little stiff within my arms. Her reaction was as if she was scared of something. "Does Master.....hate it, if I get taller?" ".....pu!" I couldn't help but laugh out. It's because Miu looked to the side, and steals glances, looking up to me with eyes like a puppy that was about to be thrown away. "Miu's so cute" "Eh?"

"And fluffy too" "Eh, eh, eh?"

Miu panicked towards my answer that was not a definite one.

That was also cute, so I continued to MofuMofu her.

"Otou-san"

And while this and that happened, Hikari entered the living room.

Her partner, Chibi Dragon, followed her with tiny steps.

"What is it?"

"Uhm, you know, there's a visitor for Otou-san"

"Visitor?"

I couldn't help but narrow my eyebrows.

I'm just getting on the good part of the MofuMofu.

From how Miu's fur seems, if I MofuMofu her for another hour, she would become sleepy, and the greatness of the MofuMofu would increase by a lot.

A visitor in such time? They can't read the air at all.

[Hey, don't make such face towards Hikari]

"Mu!"

I heard Eleanor's voice from my head.

That's true, it's a visitor who doesn't read the air at all, but it would be venting it to Hikari if my mood turns worst here.

I regained myself and asked Hikari.

"A visitor? Who is it?"

"Uhm, you know, a princess"

"Princess?"

Hm? Which princess is it? I thought while I MofuMofu-d.

In the drawing room, I'm seating across the visitor while continuing to MofuMofu Miu. Golden hair is tied up to a pony tail, a war-princess in a cape and armor, Iris. Iris Teresia Mercouri.

Mercouri Kingdom's princess, and famous as one of the Teresia's Twin Flowers, Helen's little sister.

"It's been a while"

"U-Umu"

Iris replied although a little confused.

"What is it?"

"Uh.....there's a maid"

"Don't mind her. I'm just MofuMofu-ing her"

"MofuMofu?"

"I'll say this beforehand, I won't let you MofuMofu her. Miu's MofuMofu is mine"

"No, I did not mean that, uh....."

Iris looked at Miu, cleared her throat, and stared at me with a serious face.

"I want to ask you to clear out the people. I have an important thing to talk about"

An important thing huh.

Iris's face was very serious, she probably has something important to talk about just like she has said.

Miu's body got stiff, it looks like Iris's seriousness reached her.

It can't be helped.

"Miu"

"Yes"

Miu answered silently and stood up. It is a perfect reaction as a maid loyal to her master, but it's not that.

I pulled her hand making her stop, and put her back on top of my lap.

"Eh, Master?"

"Cover your ears"

"Eh, ah, yes"

Miu said and covered her own ears.

Her lovely ears that are covered by MofuMofu fur that has the same color with her hair.

Her gesture of carefully covering it was a little different from a human——it was quite cute.



It was so cute that I could not help but pat her.

And while continuing my MofuMofu towards Miu, I said to Iris.

"It's alright now, tell me anything"

"Eh!? But....."

"Don't worry. Miu doesn't hear anything, even if she does, she wouldn't leak out anything that would disadvantage me. Right? Miu"

"Yes! Master"

"See?"

"No, it looks like she can hear though"

After saying that, "Haa.....", Iris let out a sigh.

After that, she took a deep breath, tightened her lips, and stared at me once again. And then, she started to talk.

"The paper money is officially issued in Mercouri Kingdom"

"He~"

"The old money——silver coins and gold coins are forbidden by the law, and it could be exchanged for the new paper money. It would take some time to exchange all of the remaining ones in the circulation, but that is only a matter of time"

"I see. Finally"

I got a little emotional.

Thinking about it carefully, that is probably the first case that really seemed like one that I solved after coming to this world.

The case about the copper coins in this town. I met with Iris after resolving that, and suggested about making paper notes using magic.

Mercouri's Royal Family has a magical royal symbol that is impossible to counterfeit. In short, it's a kind of magic that only the people of the royal family can inscribe crests into objects.

I suggested that if that was used in paper, it might become paper notes that are impossible to counterfeit.

The paper itself does not have that much value, so there's no worry about being melted and sold away like metals, and there is no need to worry about counterfeits since only those of the royal family can make it.

Iris immediately accepted that, but in reality, it still took a long time until it circulated.

"And then, what's the situation?"

"It is good. Money became easier to use and the business is invigorated. It is especially popular between peddlers"

"He∼?"

"Why?", I looked at Iris with eyes that say that.

"It is natural for peddlers to move around. Up until now, they have done business using very heavy silver coins and gold coins, or promissory notes issued by merchant companies that have the risk to become scraps of paper instantly. So because the country would guarantee it, it is natural that using light paper notes would be popular"

"I see. Isn't it great then?"

"I wonder. Lanmari had already caught on it, so I cannot get happy about it honestly" "Delfina huh. She doesn't do business that kills the chickens to get the eggs right? She had just caught on with the thing that would bring profits from now on. You should be happy about it without worries"

"I guess so"

"

" "

The conversation stopped.

I continued to MofuMofu and Iris stared at me.

Iris had a solemn face, but was that all? I felt like I was fooled a little. After a while, she heavily opened her mouth. "Is Aneue....." "Un?" She got quiet again. Aneue? Helen huh. Iris who is the Fourth Princess probably has other big sisters, but I only know Helen, and Iris would probably only talk about Helen with me. What's up with Helen? I waited for Iris's next words, but it did not come no matter how long I waited. After a while, she stood up. "Sorry to disturb you" She said, and left. "What was that? Really" "Master" When I thought strange about it, Miu opened her mouth. She stared at me with a solemn face while pressing down her ears. "What is it?" "Princess, she looked sad" "Looked sad?"

What? Was that all?

Why is she sad?

"She had a face, that was really about to cry"

"About to cry?"

I stood up and recalled Iris's expression when she was about to go out.

A face that was about to cry, being told so, it might be true, but.....

"Why?"

That was the thing that I could not understand.



At night, I released Miu and came to the town.

I released her who has been restrained for a whole day with her work piled up, and came to the night town.

I thought of eating outside after a long time, so I walked around, but.

"The Purosu-Diner's not here anymore, and I don't know other stores"

[How about finding a new store?]

"It'd be all pubs at this time"

[How about drinking with me?]

"Isn't that drinking alone?"

I pointed that out, but I thought that it was not that bad while chatting with Eleanor.

I thought of that, so I tried to find pubs, but.

The first one, it was full.

The second one, it was full of the slave soldiers.

The third one, I finally entered one with an open seat.

[Mu! Isn't that Princess Iris?] "Eh?" Eleanor said and I looked towards the direction her consciousness is directed. Iris was there. Iris is wearing different clothes than usual. She is not wearing her usual princess's dress or cape and armor. It's an appearance of an adventurer that I saw for the first time, but it's Iris without a doubt. Iris is drinking by herself. "What's she doing?" I said to the waiter who welcomed me that I'm Iris's company, went to where she is, and sat across her. "Iris" ".....nha?" Iris raised her face and looked at me. Her eyes were drooping, it does not look straight. Her face is red, and looking closely, she is somewhat wobbling although she's sitting down. "You ah——hu ha ru" On top of that, she can't even speak properly. "Hu hin ha hord ar you. Heim yasef" "Who in the world? It's me, Kakeru"

"Hesplod.....?" "I won't explode" "Hesplod ish hesplod~" She said neither correctly nor incorrectly, and Iris continued, she took her alcohol— —drank it at once. [A drunk without a doubt] It looks like so. I thought of drinking with her since I know her, but it might be better leaving her alone. I thought of that and tried to leave, but. "Wesh, weit" She stopped me by pulling the edge of my clothes. "D-Drink, with me" "No, but" "Are you sheying you cansh drink with me—!"



She shouted out loud.

The pub's attention gathered to us for an instant, but since it's gibberish that drunks usually say, it was immediately changed to a laugh.

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"I got it, I got it already, I'll drink with you so let you" "Good"
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When drinking with a drunk, you should either go with them and get completely drunk, or be sober as much as possible.

I chose the——latter.

I called the waiter and ordered a non-alcohol beverage.

I toasted with Iris with the juice that was served.

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"Kanra∼i"
"Kanpai"
"nghu, nghu.....puhaa∼!"
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She drank more and more heartily.

"Hesplod \simare you.....adult?"

Haa?

This drunk princess, she started saying something.

"Adult? You can tell by looking——"

"I caaaantt~~. I'm asking if you're adult and married"

"Ahh, you meant that by adult huh. If so, I'm an adult"

I had a ceremony with Fiona too.

"I see! I'm going to be an adult too. Adoltoo~"

She stood up and raised up both of her hands.

We'll get attention again if you do that. They'll laugh at us.

"Sit down first——eh?"

I pulled Iris's hand and noticed.

"I'm going to be an adult too.....", don't tell me.

Iris's that.....it's probably drinking in desperation.



Midnight, inside the pub that turned silent.

We were left alone with the two of us and I'm letting Iris rest her head on my lap.

[Normally, it would've been the opposite]

"This isn't that bad too"

[A certain Saintess or Queen might get frustrated and start biting and pulling a handkerchief]

"I think that those two would ask for it instead"

I chatted with Eleanor about senseless things while taking care of Iris.

Thinking that I shouldn't make her move around while drunk, I paid a lot of money to the store, and rented it after it closed.

"IJ~n"

Iris narrowed her beautifully shaped eyebrows and groaned in distress.

"U~n, this place, is.....?"

Then, she slowly opened her eyes and looked around with absent-minded eyes.

".....ha!"

Iris suddenly jumped to a stand, but immediately crouched down while pressing her head with her hands.

"Ouchchch"

"You drank too much. Rest for a little bit more"

"I'm.....alright. ——Kakeru?!"

And then, "Ouchchch", she pressed her head again.

"It's because you're raising a loud voice"

"W-Why are you here.....?"

She lowered her voice this time and asked while her eyebrows were still narrowed.

"That's my line. The princess of Mercouri, why is she drinking in desperation in such lowly pub, even wearing clothes for commoners?"

"D-Drinking in, I'm not! I-I just felt like it today——"

"Are you going to be married?"

I asked her straightforwardly, and then, Iris swallowed a breath, and widened her eyes as if she had forgotten about her headache.

"I see, you're going to be married huh"

"About today.....please do not tell Aneue" "I won't, don't worry" I won't tell her, but I'm curious. Drinking in such lowly pub, on top of that, don't tell Helen huh. There is no doubt that there is something. "When will you get married?" ".....next month" "So soon huh, who's your partner?" "Aegina Kingdom's First Prince • Prime Minister of the King, Kimon M. Aegina" "He~" "That's some title" And then, Iris got silent. She tried to open her mouth but swallowed the words that were about to come out. I wanted to ask this. [Is it better to break that wedding?] However, I immediately noticed that that was wrong, I noticed that it is a meaningless question. That's right, there's no use of asking that. That is why, I changed my words.

"What should I do to break that wedding?"

Iris was stunned.

I heard Eleanor's entertained whistle inside my head.	

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"That, you do not need to do" Iris clearly said after showing an instance of panic. "Hmm" I nodded. Iris stared at me with the strict expression of hers. Just looking at that, it would seem that she is seriously telling me to stop, but unfortunately, I have seen her drunk. It was clear that she was pushing herself. [She'd get angry if you point that out] I guess so too. I agreed with Eleanor. In this case, saying it strongly from my side would make her show a more stubborn side instead. If so.....I should get information from Helen or Althea first. And when I was thinking of that, the pub's door opened. One knight showed himself and entered in a hurry. "Your Highness! You are here" "What happened, Panos?"

The young knight called Panos who seemed very serious and honest stood in front of

Iris, and saluted with heels together. "There is an emergency report that Her Highness must know" "What?" *""* Panos glanced towards me. "Do not mind Viscount Yuuki. Tell me the report first" "Ha!" Panos answered and then said while staring at Iris with a serious face. "We found out that paper notes of unknown origin are circulating in the market" "What did you say?" Iris narrowed her eyebrows. "This is one" Panos took out one paper note. It looks exactly like the real one with a glance. It was completely the same with the one that Iris showed me before. However, Iris took that, and with just a glance. "It's true, it's fake" "Eh? How did you know?" "Here"

Iris pointed at the small letter beside the King's portrait in the middle.

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It is just two letters, but what is that?

Iris explained as if she understood my doubts.

"This is[Ka]"

"[Ka]?"

"That's right, Kakeru Yuuki's [Ka]. Mercouri's paper notes have the letters Ka, Ke, Ru,

Yu, U, Ki for each bill. More specifically, there is another rule, but there would be at

least one of those"

"What are you doing without permission!"

"I put it in secretly, praising Kakeru's achievement"

"It wasn't just on the portrait of the coin.....?"

I got amazed.

My face is being used on the coins that are being reissued together with the paper notes.

I heard that before, so I knew about it.

It was the first time I heard about the paper note though.

"Ones that have letters other than those, in short, they're fake"

"I see"

"So, what is it with that?"

Iris asked Panos.

"Ha!.....actually....."

Panos said and casted magic on the paper note.

The next instant, the paper note shined and a certain emblem appeared.

Mercouri's Royal Family's emblem appeared after reacting to the magic.

"Impossible!"

Iris's complexion changed.

I took out Helen's fan that I have always brought with me and casted the same magic.

It's the one that I got from Helen when I saved her when I just came to this world. I casted the same magic for that and an emblem appeared.

There is a magic that only those from Mercouri Kingdom's Royal Family can use.

When that magic is used, a certain emblem would be embedded in the object the magic was used on.

And, I'm the one who suggested to Iris about using that to issue paper notes that are impossible to counterfeit since it is a magic that only those of the Royal Family could use.

However, right now, a fake note with that emblem appeared.

"What does this mean?"

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"Does it mean that a person other than those of the royal family was able to use that magic?"

"That is impossible!"

Iris clearly denied.

"It is not a high-level magic. Even a three-year-old from the royal family could use it, but no one can use it other than the royal family, it is such a thing"

"That means.....someone from the royal family made this?"

I remembered the delusion that my acquaintance told me in the past.

Even in the real world, most of the paper notes are printed by the country, that is, using a special machine.

It is a delusion about, if one were able to obtain that machine that the country uses,

they would be able to spend a rich life by making "real" fake notes.

That is similar to this situation. The royal family is that special machine, and this is the substantially real fake notes.

"Such thing.....there is no way. Everyone from the royal family are decent people"

"Wouldn't there be exceptions that couldn't be managed?"

"Even so, it is impossible"

Iris continued to assert.

"Why?"

"Everyone knows about Kakeru. Everyone from the royal family knows about the letters put in here was from Kakeru's name. That is why, even if those from the royal family does such unscrupulous thing, there is no reason for them to use a name other than Kakeru's"

[Kukuku ,that's exactly right. There is no need to change that intentionally. If they know about it and are able to use magic, they should just make the real one"

"I see. It means"

I thought for a little.

I thought, organizing the situation.

"It means that, it is work by a person who can use the royal family's magic, although not involved in the issuing of the money"

"…"

Iris made a solemn face and nodded.

Such person does not exist, but the situation says otherwise. She had that face.

She started to think with such face.

I stared at her.

It is a solemn face, but a good one.

It fits very well with Iris's usual atmosphere, a face of a woman I like.

It is much better than the face she had drinking, and even being stubborn in the end.

I stared at her for a while, but finally, Iris said to Panos with a resolute face.

"Let's return. We must first find out where this came from. Everything starts from there"

"Ha!"

"Iris, wait"

I stopped her.

"What?"

"You want to know where the fake notes came from right? If so, I have an idea"

"Idea?"

"Yeah"

I nodded.

Every man knows his own business best.



I warped to Delfina's place taking Iris with me.

Inside the Merchant Company, in Delfina's room.

I sat with Iris on the sofa with Delfina sitting across us.

I handed her the fake note and explained the situation.

"And so, I want you to investigate it"

"K-Kakeru"

Iris interrupted.

"Why are you asking her?"

"I told you, every man knows his own business best, right? If you want to know the flow of money, you must consult a merchant"

"I-I see"

"If it is a great merchant like Delfina, she'd easily find it out"

"Ara, is that compliment?"

"I only said what I seriously thought"

"Fufu. I only need to investigate where this came from hu"

"Yeah, right away, if possible. Can you do it?"

""Right away", is impossible"

"Mu!"

Is it something that is difficult even for Delfina?

Although this is just my impression, I thought that I can leave it to her, and she would find it within a day.

"Right away is impossible, but I can do "already""

"Eh?"

"A-Already?"

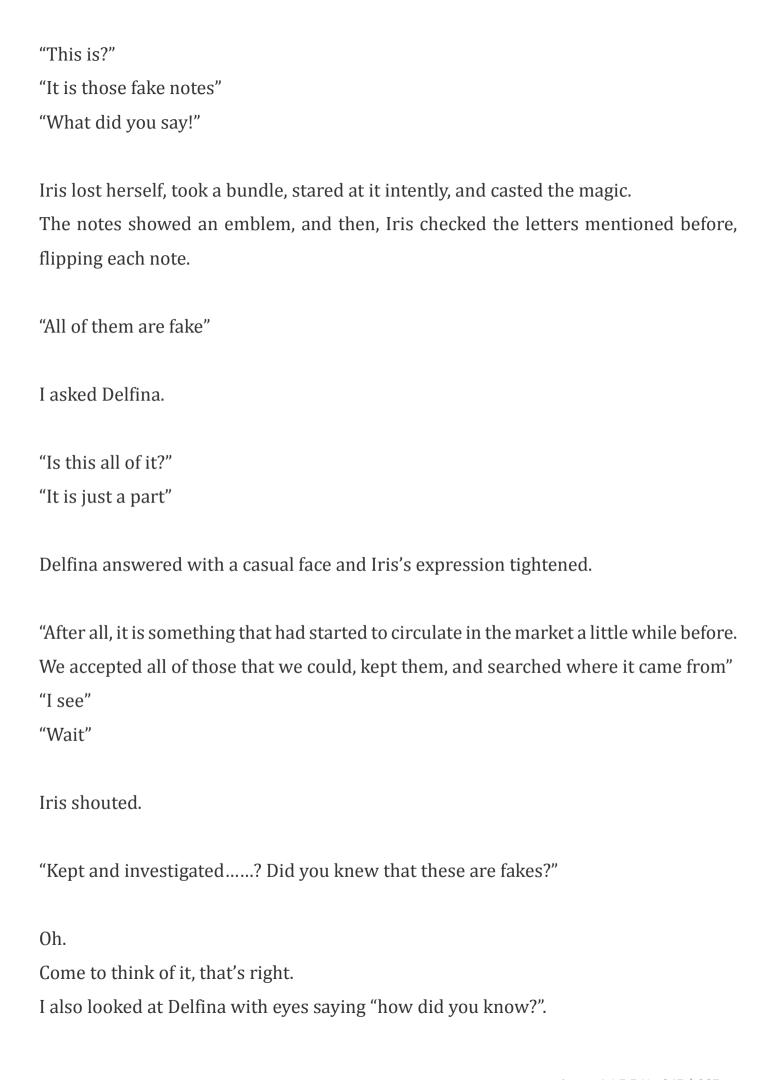
Iris and I got surprised.

Delfina smiled gracefully, and "PanPan", clapped her hands.

The door immediately opened and her subordinates entered in bulk.

There were several bundle of notes placed on the table between me and Delfina.





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"Yes"
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"Why?"

"I knew with a glance that [Kakeru Yuuki] is put in these after all. Including the reason for it"

"What?!--"

Iris raised her voice.

She became flushed with red in an instant.

Delfina continued without pointing that out.

"That's why, I immediately understood that those that were not like that were fake"

"I see"

"And from then on, I gathered them as much as I could, and searched for their source"

"That's why[already]huh"

"Yes"

"Can you tell me where's the source?"

"I am a merchant you know?"

Delfina smiled gracefully.

Just like Iris's crisp expression, I like this smile of Delfina.

"What do you want in return?"

"As long as the fake notes that we have gathered are bought at ten times their price, then"

"That's really like you"

[And, she is gathering tons of them, and additionally, she's probably continuing to do so]

Of course

That is Delfina.

"Is that good?"

I asked Iris, and Iris nodded.

We gained a clue from Delfina.

CHAPTER 116 DICE GAMBLING

Paktos.

A merchant city within the Mercouri Territory.

It is a very diverse town with many people and money gathers.

Iris and I went there.

Iris is wearing adventurer clothes hiding the fact that she is Princess Iris.

I clad myself with a cloak with the two Demon Swords dangling on my sides.

"This is where the fake notes came from huh"

"It is, according to Delfina"

"However, that woman has only found out that it is coming from Paktos, but how will we search for it?"

"I have something in mind"

"Really?"

Iris took attention.

I have a favorite pattern in these kinds of situations.

Money laundering of the fake notes, or a place where people who do not have money suddenly comes out with tons of money.

That is——.



I shook the hand of the lookout with a few coins as bribe and entered the building. We entered underground once, passed through a winding underpass, and went up. And then, we arrived at a different room.

It is fairly wide, but there were so many people making the room's atmosphere worse

instead.

It had smoke several times of that of a mahjong parlor and several times darker. It was that kind of room.

"This is the gambling den huh"

Iris asked while covering her nose and mouth.

As a princess, she probably had never experienced such a bad environment.

"Looks like it"

There were several crowds inside the room and each of them are doing their own gambling.

They were doing the same thing in all groups, they are dice-gambling.

"This kinds of things surpasses worlds and are common huh"

"Did you say something?"

"No, it's nothing"

I just feel a little impressed.

"Rather than that, is there a clue here?"

"Yeah. Gambles are the best way to circulate money without going through the form of goods. In this kind of place, tons of money moves and even so, it would be difficult to track. Gambling itself is being regulated by Mercouri right?"

"Yeah, we have issued twelve bans in the past three years"

"And the result?"

".....there was nothing much"

Iris said frustratingly.

Well, of course. A situation where they need to release bans so frequently, it just shows that there was no effect.

It is probably frustrating as the Princess Iris of the Twin Flowers who is engaged domestic affairs.

"Don't be discouraged. I'll also take care of this sometime in the future. Let's focus in our current case first. A place where the Kingdom's influence is hard to reach. Isn't it a place that is the best for moving money from unknown sources?"

"I see, that's true"

Iris nodded in understanding.

"Well then, let's wait for the clue to come while gambling"

"Is it not faster to just ask them?"

"They'll get cautious if we do that"

I said that and joined one of the groups.

I forced my way into the front line.

There is the dicer man in the middle and have two bodyguard-seeming guys on his sides.

The dicer took a glance towards me.

"Are you doing?"

"Yeah, what's the rule?"

"You can tell just by looking"

After the dicer said that, he skillfully scooped up the two dices with a pot woven with wood bark, and shook it in the air.

And "Don!", he slams it overturned onto the ground, and the dices sounded "GaraGara" again and finally stopped.

After that, the gamblers started to bet odd and even one next to the other. What they're using are the newly issued Mercouri notes. The pot was opened. "One · Three, Even" Half of the customers won, and half of them were frustrated. "It's like that" "I got it pretty much" "Are you doing it?" Iris asked me with a whisper. "Yeah" I took out Mercouri notes and started to gamble, mixing in with the gamblers. I could hear Hikari's cute, excited voice inside my head. Hikari is enjoying inside of my head. [Even! Next is even] [Next is.....odd!] [Next is odd! No, it's even after all] I placed my bet in the dice game following Hikari's voice. I won decently, but I've lost in the total. [U \sim n, this, it's difficult] [It is not like there is no sure-win method] [Is that true, Okaa-san?!]

[Umu, I mean, if this guy wanted to, he would win for sure]
[Is that true, Otou-san?]

I could feel Hikari's thrilled emotion and her excited voice.

Well, yeah, if I'm asked whether I could win or not, I could win.

[Oh~, as expected of Otou-san. But how will you do it?]

Let me see, just look.

The pot was shaken, the dices stopped.

Odd.

I predicted in my head.

I bet in even.

The pot was removed, it's odd.

[0h~]

The pot was shaken, the dices stopped.

This time it's even.

I also bet on even this time.

The pot was removed, it's even.

[Waa~! Amazing. Otou-san, how did you do it?]

I just concentrated and listened to the dices' sound.

All of the dices have a different number of holes in each side. One of them would hit the floor for sure——it means, you can tell pretty much what's coming by listening. It is nothing much if you have hearing that is multiplied 777 times.

Although I predicted it correctly 100%, I repeated winning and losing in the actual bet.

I try to lose consecutively from time to time and then take back a little.

I did not forget to fake it that I'm losing in total.

Anyways, I continued the objective of not standing out.

A man sat on my side. The dicer made an amazed face.

"You came again?"

"Shut up, this time I'm gonna win for sure"

"That's fine, but do you really have the money? We only accept cash bro"

"Look"

The man threw out folded paper notes as if to show it off.

"Do you have any problem?"

"Not at all"

The dicer skillfully scooped the dice and slammed it onto the floor upturned while it continued to shake.

[Oi]

I know.

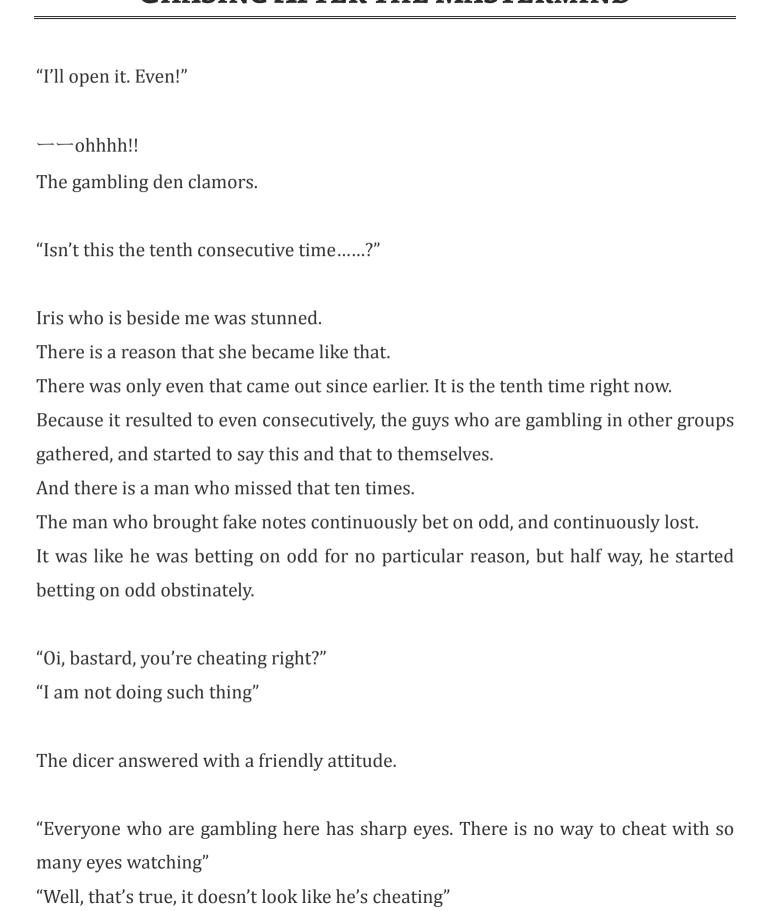
I already saw it even if Eleanor doesn't tell me.

The Mercouri notes that the man took out.

They were fake notes that did not have one of the [Kakeru Yuuki].

The clue, I finally found you.

CHAPTER 117 CHASING AFTER THE MASTERMIND



"There are more than a hundred people watching here. We should be able to tell if he's

doing something" The surrounding guys said. The fake notes guy clicked his tongue resentfully. [He's not, cheating it seems] [Is that so?] [Umu] The mother and daughter chatted. I also agree with Eleanor. They are not cheating in the sense of tricking people. That's for sure. "Next! Come on, next!" "Alright.....I'll start" The fake notes guy prompted, and the dicer shook the dice. *Don*, the pot was slammed to the floor, and the dices stopped. And then, the fake notes guy quickly said. "It's odd! I'm sure it's odd this time!" He took out more money and bets on odd. "Odd!" "I'll bet on odd too!"

And following him, the other guys started to bet on odd. Well, I get how they feel.

"Odd should come out this time"

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"Hey"
Iris whispered to me quietly.
"What?"
"It isn't cheating right?"
"Yeah, it's not"
"I see....."
Iris thought for a bit.
"Even"
And bet on the opposite of the surroundings.
She gathered the surrounding's attention.
After odd had come out for ten consecutive times, the surroundings betted on odd,
and only Iris betted on even.
She didn't bet that much, but she stood out because she was the only one.
"Oi oi, there's no way that it would be even this time"
"That's right. There's no way that it would continue that much unless he's cheating"
"What an idiot"
They showered sneers.
If there was no cheating happening, there is no way that it would be even again after
even came out ten consecutive times.
I get the logic, I get it, but.
[Iris-jou, she's good]
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Yeah.

I agreed with Eleanor.

There was no cheating, if so, Iris's judgment that it would be even again for the eleventh time is.

"I'll open it. Even!"

After a moment of silence, the answer naturally came together with the chaos surrounding it.



In the end, the fake notes guy left the gambling den without winning even once. Iris and I went out, following him.

"Let's follow him"

"Of course. But wait a second"

I stopped Iris who was rushed to chase after the guy.

"What is it?"

"It would be all for nothing if we were found right?"

"That is true, but.....ahh! He turned corners. Let go"

"Just listen"

"We'll lose him if this continues! If that happens, it would be all for nothing like you said!"

"Leave it to me. I did the same thing in the past"

"The same thing?"

"I can hear that guy's footsteps, I can tell what course he's walking through"

"Footsteps?"

Iris looked around.

Various sounds are overflowing within the crowd.

Chatting voices, lifestyle sounds, there was also the sound of a messenger horse rider that passed by in such timing.

"You can tell his footsteps with this?"

"I can"

I showed a clear nod.

Soon after I came to this world, I had an experience of following someone. I also followed that time by hearing their footsteps.

Unlike that time, I am now used to using my abilities better so I can create the route that the opponent has passed through just by listening to their footsteps.

I can trace them even without following after them.

"That's amazing...... you aren't a man successful only on battlefields huh"

"That impression isn't that wrong too"

".....no wonder Aneue is infatuated"

She whispered somewhat profoundly.

I ignored it because it would only complicate things if I poke into it right now.

And while that happened, the footsteps finally stopped, so I told Iris.

"He stopped. Let's go"

"Yeah"

Iris nodded. Her expression became solemn.

I led her and started to walk.

I walked following the route that was made by the footsteps I picked up in my head.

We turned several corners, passed through the middle of the town, and came out to the opposite side.

The atmosphere changed drastically. That place was like the slums.

The buildings are unsightly and dirty and there are people with ragged clothes sitting here and there.

They stared at me and Iris but we ignored them.

After going through a winding street and entering a complex path, we stopped in front of a certain building.

It's a wooden flat house and wind seems to pass through it very well.

"Is it here?"

I nodded to Iris.

"Yeah, he entered here"

"Is there other people inside?"

"There's none. There is only one person's sound of movement and presence"

"I got it. If so, I'll go"

"Are you sure?"

I looked at Iris with widened eyes.

"Leave it to me"

Iris said that and entered inside with high spirits.

I stayed where I'm standing and let her do what she wants because in this distance, I can intervene anytime in case something happens.

I heard arguing voices from inside. It's Iris's and the fake notes guy's voice.

Iris cornered the fake notes guy and questioned him.

The man attacked instead. He blows a fuse and punches towards Iris.

But, he was immediately suppressed by Iris.

From how it sounded, she dodged his punch and then twisted his arm.

The man quickly surrendered and said"I'll talk, I'll talk okay!"

[She's quite good]

"Yeah"

[Well then, shall we move as well]

"I guess so"

[Fue?]

While Hikari was puzzled, I took out the warp feather, and warped half-way the path we passed through before coming here.

There was a man who waits and sees from the shadows in the distance, and I appeared behind that man.

"Don't move"

"∽∽!!"

I threatened him, poking his back with the Demon Sword's handle.

The man reacted quickly, raising both of his hands immediately.

[A-re? This person's the one shaking the dice earlier]

Hikari said.

That's right, this man is the dicer.

I questioned the man that I poked from earlier with a low voice.

"Why did you collect the fake notes?"

The man flinched.

There was no cheating. The man used his skillful technique and perfectly controlled the outcome of the dice he shook.

And the fake notes guy spat out the fake notes that he had without winning even once. I questioned the dicer why he targeted that man.

CHAPTER 118

BODY MOVED BEFORE THINKING

"How did you know I was following you?"

"Stop answering questions with questions. I can tell that much just by your footsteps.

I heard your footsteps when you were following us"

"I erased my footsteps"

"Complete silence doesn't exist in this world. It's your turn now. Why did you collect it?"

"There is no need to answer"

"I'll force you to talk"

"Try me"

The dicer distorted his face to a smile.

Unlike his friendly attitude when he was in the gambling den, his face became ferocious.

And, he moved his fingers.

"He∼"

I placed my hand on the Demon Sword, then stopped.

I saw something in front of me.

I stared at it narrowing my eyes.

I saw something very thin in the air.

"Transparent string......I see, string user huh. From how it looks, it's sharp, so you're probably a controller type, but a slasher type using the string huh"

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"When did you spread it? One, two, three....."

I pointed at it while counting.

The dicer's eyebrows flinched every time I pointed at one.

[There's a total of 12 huh]

"It's 13. There's one there that's really hard to see in that open space there. It's a two-staged preparation that would lead the opponent to that gap in the encircling net, but the real threat is there"

[Mu!]

"What?!"

Eleanor who groaned being unable to see through the last one and the dicer that was dumbstruck.

From his expression, it looks like the string and its intention were all right on the mark. I remembered something and asked the dicer.

"I'll ask one thing. You, are you Delfina's subordinate?"

".....I don't know that moneymonger Homers"

The dicer spat out as if he spoke about the enemy of his parents.

Moneymonger huh.

Unfortunately, that's what I like about her.

Like Helen who comes up with strategies, Io who chants magic, and Delfina who talks about profits.

I love that appearance of hers when she is very lively the most.

Well, leaving that aside.

If he's not one of the guys who started collecting the fake notes in Delfina's orders, there's no need to give mercy.

"U-U000000!!"

The dicer spread out both his arms and moved around his ten fingers.

The strings that were spread all over started waved, and came slashing while releasing wind cutting sounds.

The strings tore the already tattered houses in the surroundings, and stone and wood debris flew around.

I drew out the two Demon Swords under my cloak.

I cut off the howling strings with speeds that surpass them.

"Impossible, the string coated by almars powder, so easily"

"Well then, what's next?"

"Ku!"

The dicer turned around and started to run away.

"I won't let you escape"

I caught up with him, and I released a full swing to the back of his head with Eleanor's flat part.

The dicer was blown away and plunged into the ground face first, and stopped moving.

[Did you kill him?]

Hikari asked.

"I held back. He should wake up after a while"

I approached the dicer, opened my different dimension warehouse, took out some rope, and tied up that unconscious guy.

[Well then, what will you do? There is no doubt that this guy's involved though]

"However, this guy, he's probably just some small fry"

[Well, I guess so]

"Should I torture him and make him speak?"

[That is an advanced delicate work in itself. If you were to try to torture someone, almost everyone would become a vegetable in an instant"

That might be true.

Well then, if so, what should I do?

"You were here. Oh? What's up with this?"

Iris came.

She dragged the tied up fake notes guy behind her.

He was being dragged while sliding on the ground. It looks like he does not have consciousness.

Iris came up to me and looked down on the dicer.

"This man.....isn't he the one in the gambling den earlier?"

"Yeah"

"As I've thought, he came huh"

"As you've thought?"

"The instant that this fake notes man appeared, even came out 11 consecutive times, on top of that, he made such results intentionally. It was better to think that he is either involved, or knows something"

"I guess so"

It looks like Iris also thought what I thought of.

"By the way, he wasn't Delfina's subordinate"

"I see"

Iris nodded, and casually took out a small cylindrical something from her pocket.

And then, when she held it up, "Pyuuu——!", something was shot up to the sky with

the sound of a high-pitched whistle.

"A signal rocket?"

"With this as a signal, it is arranged that my subordinates suppress the gambling den

from earlier"

"When did you do that?"

"When we went out of the gamble den"

"As expected of you huh"

"I want to ask of you one thing"

"Tell me"

"Kakeru has good eyes and ears"

"That's right"

"Can you find some people who reacted strangely after finding out and seeing the

gambling den being suppressed? If that would lead us to something, I want to drag all

of it at once"

Iris's eyes while she asked that were full of expectations.

[A two-staged preparation. This girl, she's good]

Eleanor was unusually impressed.

"I can"

"Can I ask you to do that?"

"It's a ship that already embarked"

"Thank you. If so, let's go. Let's observe the gambling den from a distance"

"Yeah"

I nodded.

In an instant, I felt something cold on my back.

I don't know what it is, I can't see anything, and can't hear anything as well.

But, I can feel it, there's something.

And what I suddenly saw was the man who should've lost his consciousness moving his finger.

"U00000!!"

My body moved before thinking.

I drew out the two Demon Swords, stood in front of Iris as if to protect her, and made the swords dance.

The weaving lightning fast net that the dark Demon Sword released, in there, *Putsun*, there was just one response.

Hikari slashed that.

[Wa~, an invisible string~]

[I couldn't see it]

.....me too.

He was hiding such a last resort huh.

I felt a little chilly.

I swung my sword and chopped off both of the dicer's arms. It should be alright with this.

"Thank you, well then, let's go"

Iris said without being perturbed.

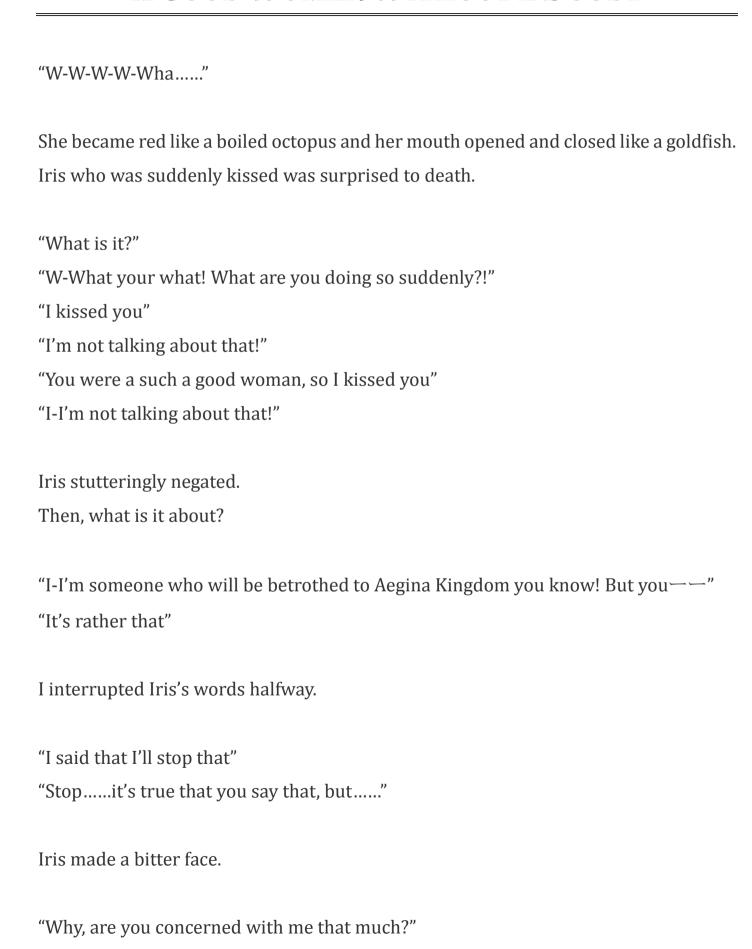
She knew what just happened, but she was not perturbed at all.

A solemn face that really looks good on her.

My body moved before thinking.

When I noticed it, I was kissing her lips.

CHAPTER 119 A GOOD WOMAN WITHOUT A DOUBT



"I don't have the disposition of letting a good woman in front of me, just to give her to another man"

"But, I'm——"

I declared bluntly.

I took only the simple and necessary parts, and pointed those words towards Iris.

No matter which part of it is removed, it is a line that cannot be misunderstood.

Iris who was told that got stunned.

"All of the good woman are mine"

Soon after, her face became red again.

"W-Why, someone like me....."

I answered instantly hearing Iris's faint voice.

"We're going on circles. Don't make me say it so much. All of the good women are mine.

That's why I'll stop your marriage, and kiss you"

"I'm a.....good woman?"

"You are. I'll guarantee it"

Iris calmed down. She calmed down, and steals glances at me while looking down a little.

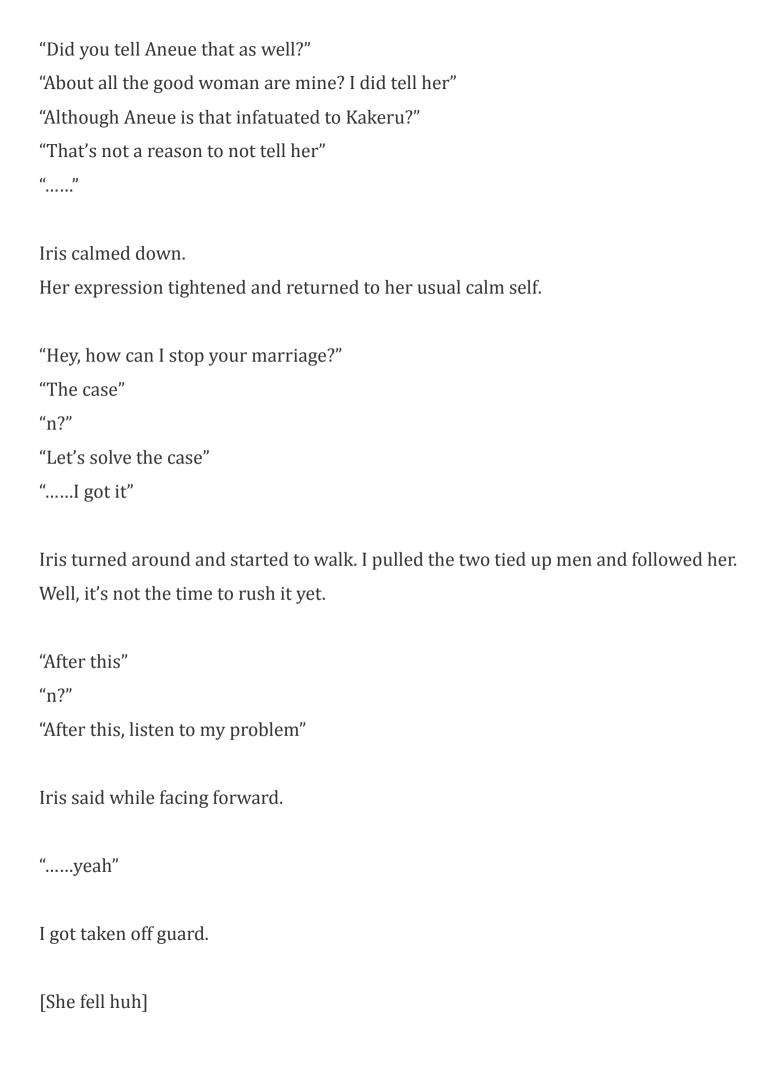
Her face is faintly red, a calm red.

She seemed like a simple maiden.

Iris who is being called as one of the Teresia's Twin Flowers is good, but this isn't bad in itself.

Iris made up her mind while stealing glances at me and asked.

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"Did you....."
"n?"
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Eleanor said in amusement.

[Otou-san]

We started walking and Hikari who was silent up until then talked to me.

"What is it?"
[Is Hikari a good woman?]
"....."

I couldn't help but stop on my feet. My jaw dropped.

A line that I did not expect. A question that I do not know how to answer.

Eleanor continued to laugh out inside my head seeing me unable to answer instantly.

CHAPTER 120

THE FLOWER IRIS

Watching from a distance from the gambling den, there were some guys running away
from a distant building.
The buildings weren't connected though.
"It's probably them"
"Their movements are too easy to tell. Another underground path huh"
"I'll leave it to you, Kakeru"
I followed them with Iris.
I followed them relying on my ears and reached a building on the outskirts of the town
It was quite a good mansion, and there were also rough-looking gate guards in the
front.
"Is it there?"
"I'm sure that they entered there. It's also noisy inside. Also"
"Also?"
"I smell violence"
"It's notyour nose huh"
I silently nodded. It would be more of how the atmosphere feels.
"What do you think?"
I asked Iris.

".....let's charge in. While they haven't destroyed the evidence yet"

"Yosh"

"I'll leave the front to Kakeru. I'll go from the back"

"I got it. Are you alright by yourself?"

"It's fine.I'm not a woman who is just protected"

"I see"

She's still as stubborn as usual.

After confirming that Iris took a long, roundabout path, I also went from the front.

"Stop! Who are you!"

The tough-looking gate guard asked what and who.

I drew Eleanor and Hikari, and divided the man into four.

Guys swarmed out of the mansion.

[Well then, let's do it]

[Hikari will do her best too!]

Eleanor who laughed with pleasure and Hikari who completely grew up like a Demon Sword.

I clad myself with the dark cloak aura and slashed forward with the two.

"E-Enemy attack!"

"Wait, this guy's....."

"The Abysmal Twin Swords.....the Demon Sword Wielder?"

"H-Hiiiiiiiii!!!"

There were those who were courageous to step forward, but there were also those who crawled away with weak knees.

I slashed those guys without mercy.

[Look how overprotective you are]
"What are you talking about?"
[Kukuku]

Eleanor continued to laugh in pleasure.

I greatly appealed myself as the Demon Sword Wielder, lured the enemy, and slashed forward.

I walked through the garden of corpses and entered the mansion.

[Well, what would you do?]

"There's a sound coming from there"

I heightened my hearing and advanced deeper into the mansion.

What came was

[A-re~, it's a dead end?]

[What useless ears those are]

"No, it's under this"

I stabbed Eleanor to the ground.

A hollow sound without substance was made.

I pulled the sword and touched it as if to search around.

There was a lever. I pulled it at once.

[A hidden staircase huh. From how it looks, an underground prison huh] "Let's go"

I walked down the stairs.

There was a room there when I got down.

Inside the room lit by a magic light, there was one boy.

The boy was using magic on the things that seem to be Mercouri's paper notes.

He's in the middle of engraving crests.

"I see, this is the site of the forgery huh"

[There should be no mistaking it. The problem is, why is that boy able to use that magic]

"Hey, you, why are you——"

"Don't come!"

Only one step and it was stopped by the boy's call.

It was a voice of desperation, at one's wits' end.

"Don't be scared"

Hikari returned to her human form and kindly talked to him.

"Otou-san is not a bad person"

"It's not that, I didn't mean that. This!"

The boy pointed at his neck. There was a collar.

A suspicious light is flashing repeatedly in the center of the collar.

"This, they said it's a magic that would explode if a person I don't know gets near!"

"Something like that exists?"

[Yes it does]

Eleanor answered promptly.

"That's why, don't come here"

Hikari looked up to me with a troubled face.

"Return to a sword, Hikari. I'll do something about it" "Un!"

Hikari returned to her Demon Sword form.

Well then, what should I do?

"It's useless even if you think of it"

I heard a man's voice from behind.

I turned around, and saw a middle-aged man wearing a merchant's outfit walking down the stairs.

He is showing a smile, but the blade scar that cut across his left eye emphasizes that he's not a person like his smile shows.

"You're the mastermind?"

"That is right. I'm Galassimos Cichi"

"Where did this boy came from?"

"Which answer would you like to receive? Is it whether he is a small hammer that we forged, or a secret child of the King?"

Galassimos grinned.

"The King's secret child?I see, that's why he's able to use the royal family's magic" [Kukuku. No wonder that little girl didn't know]

Eleanor laughed in glee.

"That's right"

"Immediately remove the collar's magic"

A voice sounded from behind Galassimos, and at the same time, a sword was pointed to his neck.

The one who appeared was Iris.

She was unusually showing a face of anger and glared at the man from behind. She was listening huh.

"Remove?"

"Hurry up, if you still care for your life"

"Alright"

Galassimos reached out his hand while grinning.

"Don't do anything weird?"

"I only need to remove it right?"

After saying that, Galassimos used magic.

The next instant, the collar in the boy's neck started to brighten.

.....its flashing light got faster, and the light became more wicked.

It was a phenomenon that was far away from the image of "remove".

"What did you do?"

Iris seemed to have noticed as well. She questioned the man with a strong tone.

"You told me to remove it after all. That is something that would absolutely explode when worn. It has only two effects, it would either explode when a person not in the settings approached, or explode after being activated"

"Y-You meant by removing it is....."

"I removed the stopper that stops the explosion"

"Stop it right away!"

"It's useless, I told you that. It's a magic that only results into explosions"

"You bastard! You placed such thing on a child!"

"Of course. That would be the greatest evidence. It is natural to erase it when time comes right?"

"Ku!"

Iris groaned.

Galassimos looked at me with a hideous smile and said with a friendly tone.

"It would be better if you go away you know, Demon Sword Wielder. It is a magic that would explode from the center of the flashing collar. You'll get caught in it if you stand there"

"The place you're standing in is the safety zone huh"

The man crooked the corner of his mouth.

"Well, if you wish to bond with him for the last time, I won't stop you. It won't explode since it's near the countdown"

"I see"

I approached the boy.

The boy was terrified, sat on the ground, and peed.

He did not even react even though I approached him. He was that scared.

"I'll just say this. It will instantly explode if you destroy it"

"Instantly, huh"

[Are you going to do it?]

"Do you think I can?" [If it is you] [Otou-san, do your best!] The mother and daughter sent cheers from my head. I placed a hand on the collar and pointed Hikari on her Demon Sword form on it. ".....one-two!" I used the warp feather the instant I cut the collar. I warped to Orycuto's valley. The master of the valley, Orycuto, was startled seeing me. "Ahh~, sorry. Well, you won't die if it's you" The next instant after I said that, the collar I'm holding exploded. It was a condensed explosion. Explosive flames and impact whirled within a radius of 2 meters, but nothing happened outside of that. The explosion stopped. "Geho, geho" The sand whirled by the explosion entered my mouth, and I coughed. That was all. [Unscathed huh] "All thanks to you"

The instant it exploded, I clad myself with the dark cloak aura.

I completely used the aura from the two for defense.

I focused only for that, so I was unscathed.

On the other hand, Orycuto was crushed and destroyed into pieces.

Although he's regenerating, he was shattered.

"Sorry for getting you involved"

I apologized with a few words and returned to the mansion using the warp feather.

"W-What....."

The man was stunned.

He seems like he could not understand what just happened.

"Kakeru! Are you alright?"

"It was quite strong. It would've been instant death if it wasn't me"

Iris was relieved in a moment, then glared at Galassimos.

"You, you put such thing on an innocent child!"

She got furious and sent out her back fist. Galassimos was hit by it directly and was blown away, crashing into the wall.

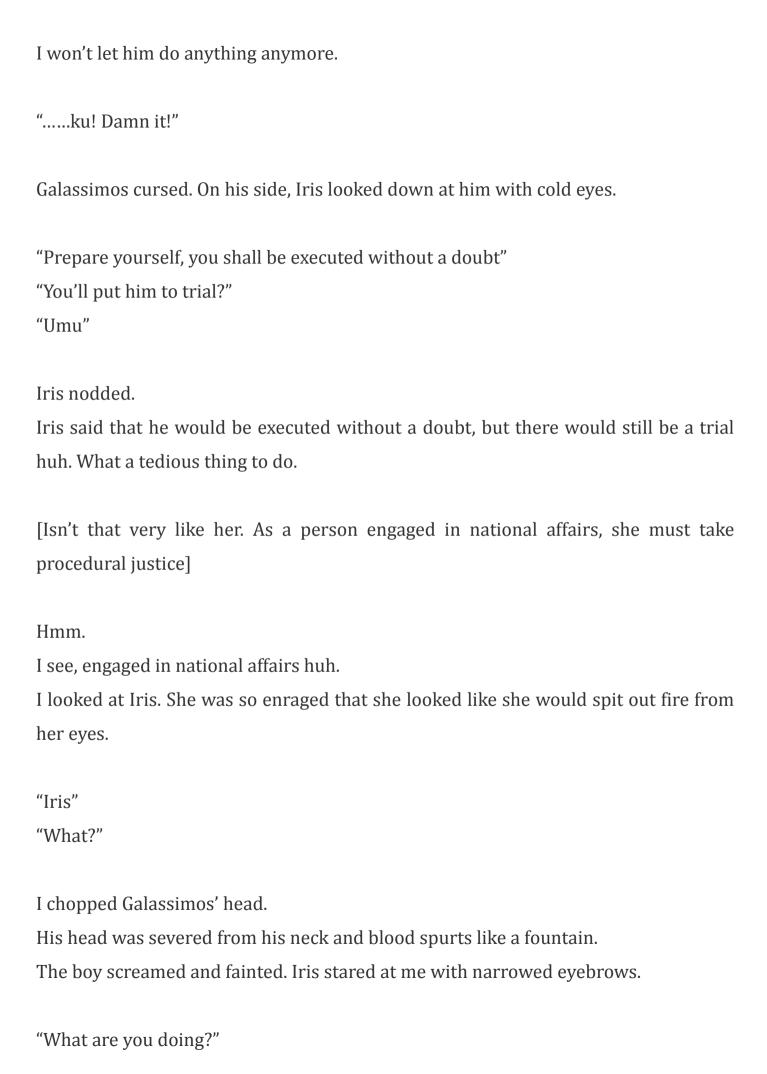
"I-Impossible. If it comes to this——"

Galassimos reached out his hand towards the boy again.

He tried to do something, something to erase the evidence.

I expected it and quickly got in between them.

I clad myself with the mother and daughter aura, and emphasized without words that



"It's my motto to kill bastards when I see them"

When I said that, although Iris seemed complicated, she somewhat, showed a satisfied expression.



I went outside with Iris.

I put down the boy who still hasn't gained his consciousness to the ground.

Iris stood in front of me and looked straight at me.

"Thank you, Kakeru. The case was solved thanks to you"

"It's solved with this?"

"Yes"

Iris turned around. Her subordinates that finally came swarmed inside.

I thought, I can leave the rest to her.

"Really, thank you so much"

"Don't mind it"

"Also.....thank you"

"Un?"

She told me thanks with a somewhat different tone.

Her expression changed.

There existed not Princess Iris, but just Iris.

A girl who flushed her cheeks.

Her tone became very soft.

"Can I ask, one more thing?"

"Yeah"

I guessed what she would tell me.

"Please.....break my engagement"

Iris who relied on me looked very cute.

I pulled her into an embrace and kissed her lips.

"Leave it to me"

I planned to do that from the start.

